

# TO LOVE RU

Vol. 5



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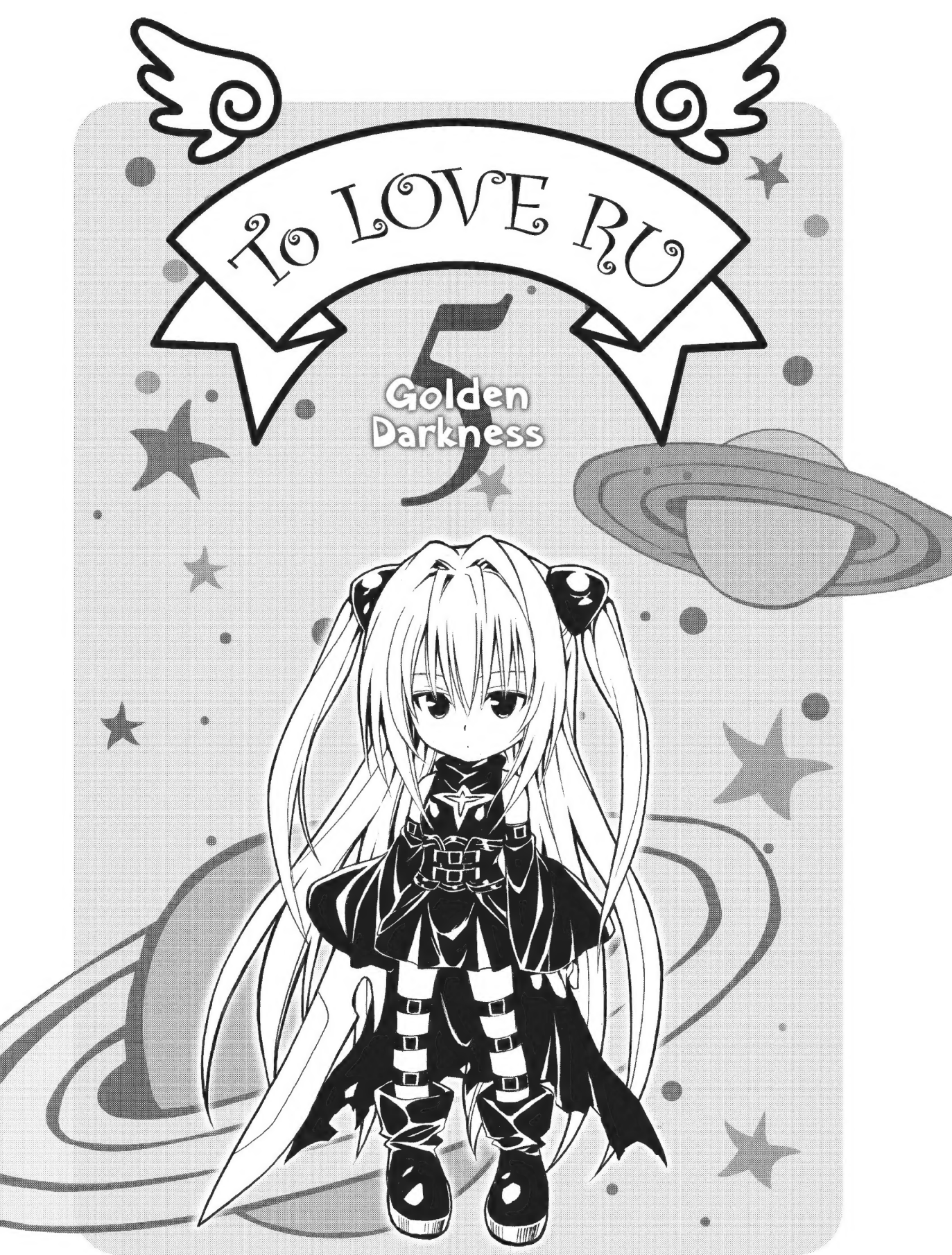
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# Characters & Story

Super-sweet, super-innocent Rito, along with Planet Deviluke's Princess Lala--the girl whose beauty is the pride of the cosmos--and Rito's classmate Haruna, are woven together throughout this cute, teensy-bit naughty, slapstick romantic comedy!!



## Ren Elcie Jewelria

Lala's childhood friend who made a marriage pact with her when they were very young. In order to make good on that promise, he transferred to Sainan High School.



## Tenjouin Saki

A super-rich and upper-crusty girl who is one year ahead of Rito and his pals in school. She holds herself in high esteem and burns with a passion that makes her see Lala as a rival. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, you can bet she'll be picking a fight with Lala.

## Zastin

Commander of the Deviluke Royal Guard. A man who is said to be Planet Deviluke's most powerful warrior, but in reality...

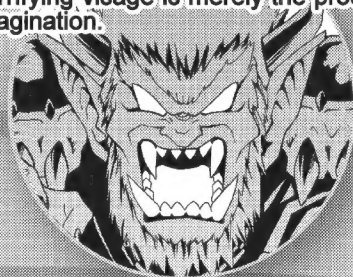


## Ryouko Mikado

The school nurse at Sainan High School, which Rito and friends attend, and an alien like Lala and company. Her secret job is providing medical care for aliens living on Earth.

## King of Deviluke

The king of Planet Deviluke. Has no qualms about utterly annihilating the worlds of those who disappoint him. So far, only his voice has appeared. This ever-growing, ever-more-horrifying visage is merely the product of Rito's imagination.



## Lala Satalin Deviluke

The first princess of Planet Deviluke, seat of power for the entire Milky Way Galaxy. She rejected the suitors her father selected for her, and ran away from home to Earth. However, after truly falling for Rito--whom she met in a chance encounter--they've started living together.



## Peke

A Universal Costume Robot, built by Lala. He can transform into a variety of shapes, taking the form of a dress, a uniform, and more.



## Yuuki Rito

A first-year student in high school. As it turns out, after Lala warped away from her ship, a sudden bath-time encounter led to them living together. He's a late-bloomer when it comes to romance. He was in the middle of trying to confess his feelings for Haruna--the girl he's crushed on since junior high--when, in the heat of the moment, he accidentally confessed to Lala, who appeared in between them. He ended up becoming her lone fiancé.



## Sairenji Haruna

A girl who has been in the same class as Rito since junior high and who seems to secretly like him! She is a quiet, mild-mannered, prim and proper beauty. However, when her fear hits extreme levels, she tends to fly into a panic and totally lose it...



## Yuuki Mikan

Rito's little sister. Rather than taking issue with the whole "Lala is an alien" thing, Mikan welcomes her into their home with open arms. She had to grow up fast and is quite a stable, level-headed person.



**TO LOVERU**



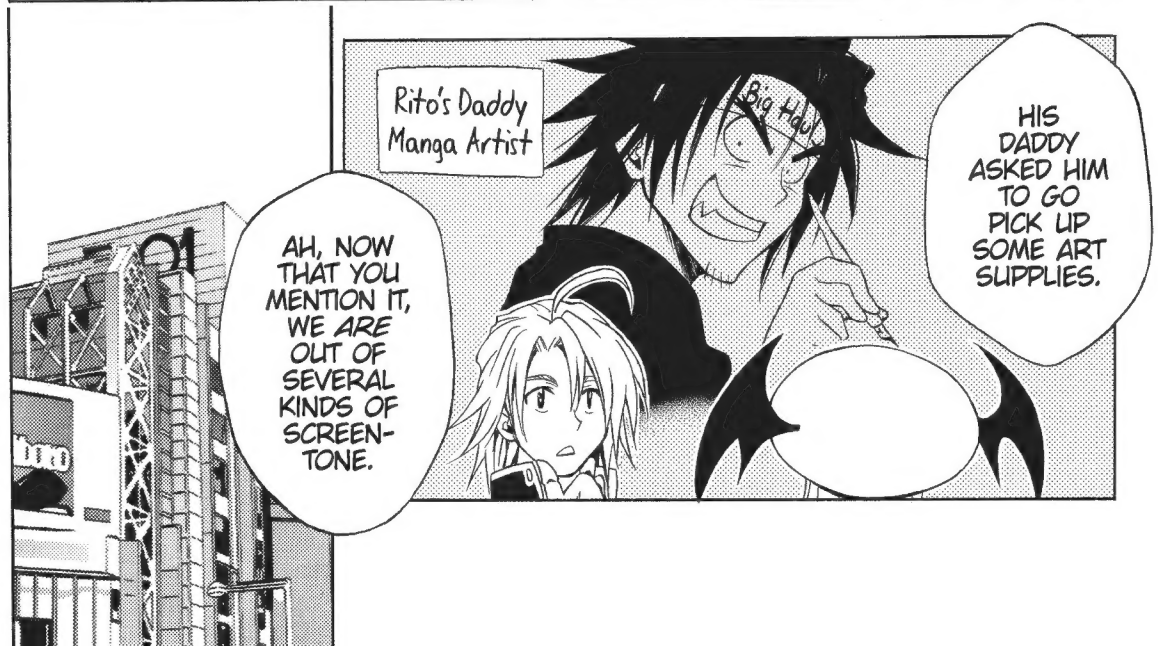




TROUBLE 35:  
GOLDEN DARKNESS

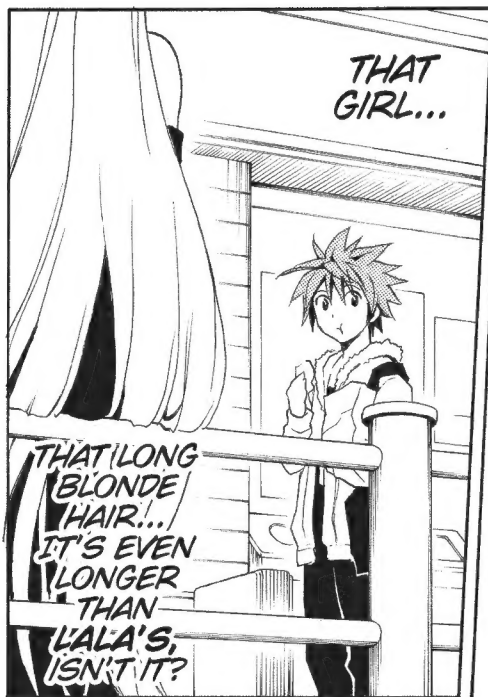






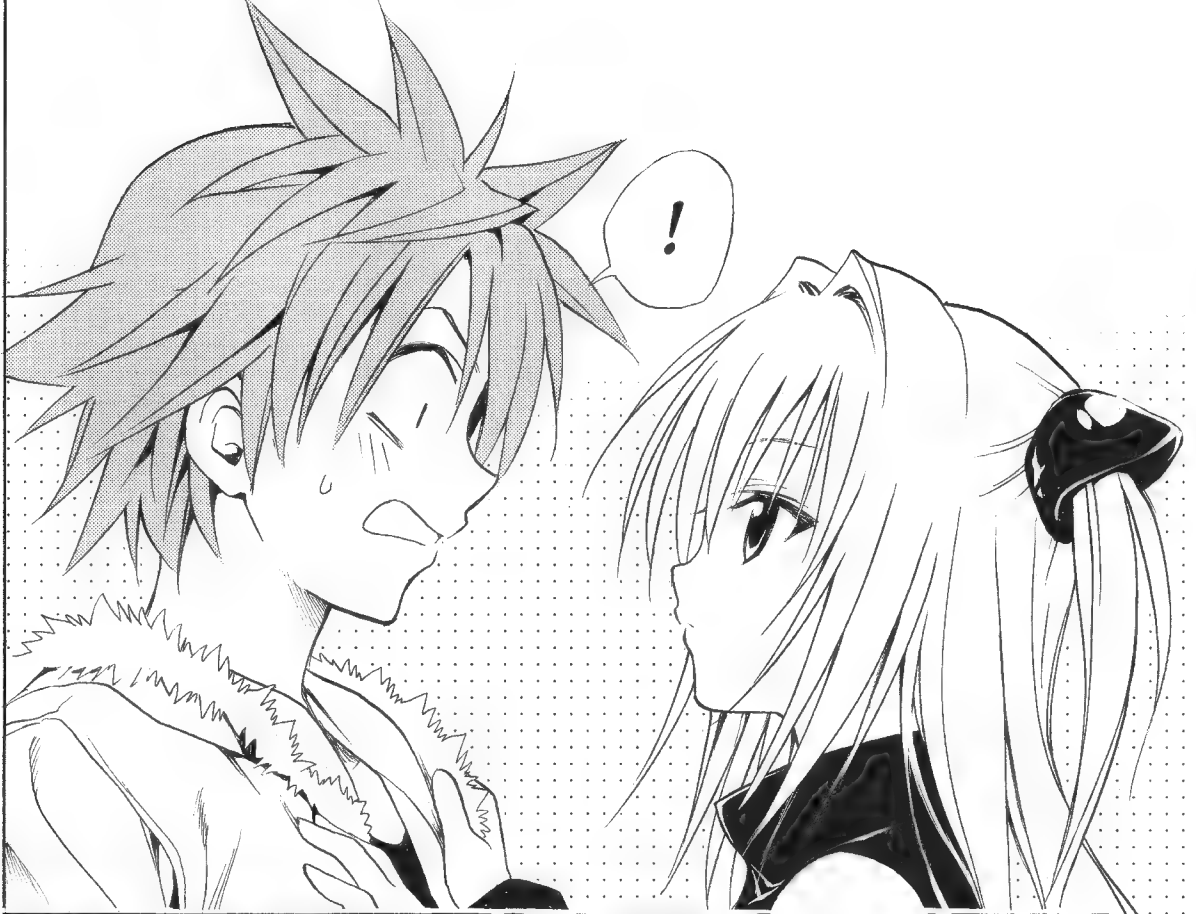




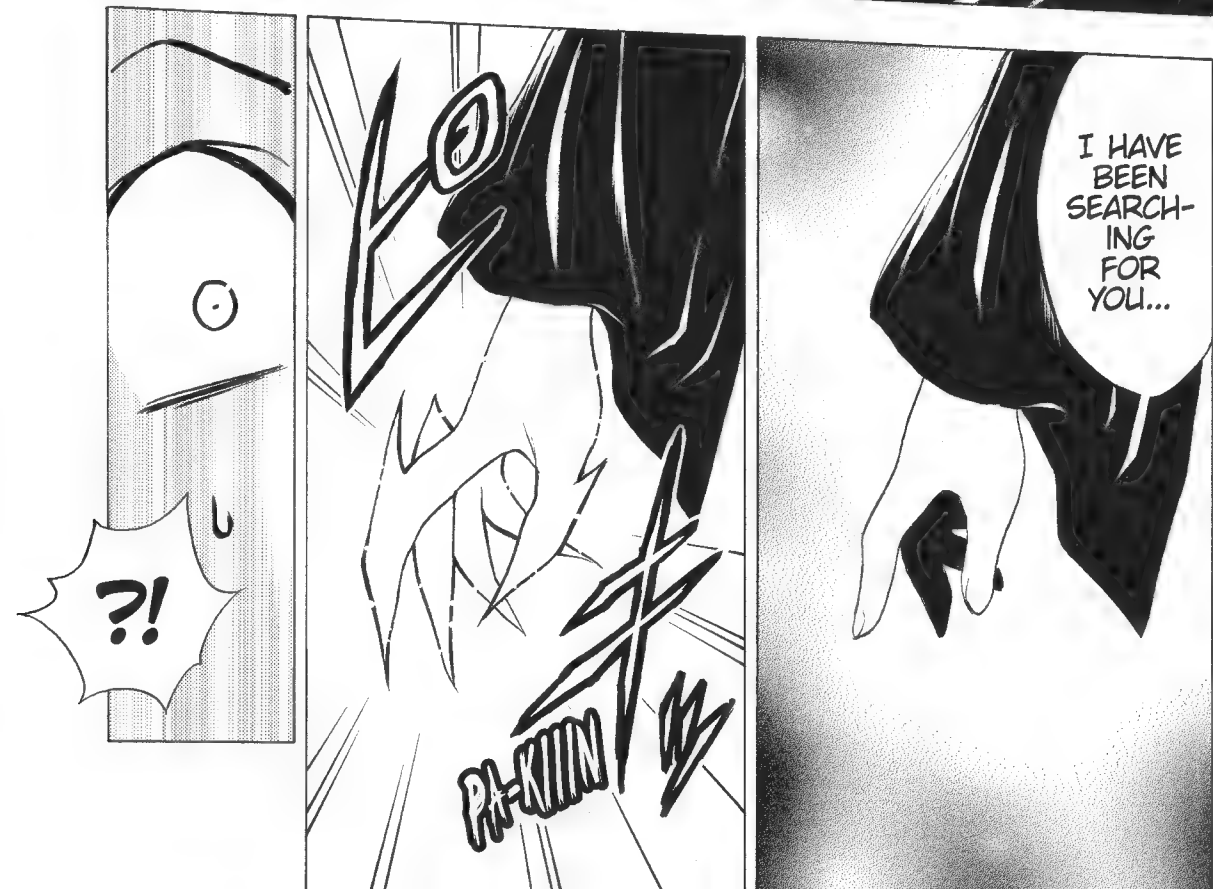
















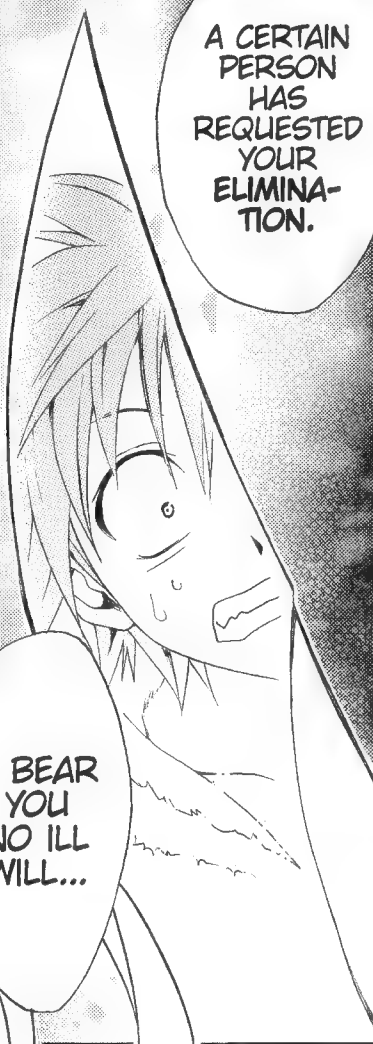


WHA  
...?!



BUT  
I MUST  
INSIST  
YOU  
DIE.

A CERTAIN  
PERSON  
HAS  
REQUESTED  
YOUR  
ELIMINA-  
TION.

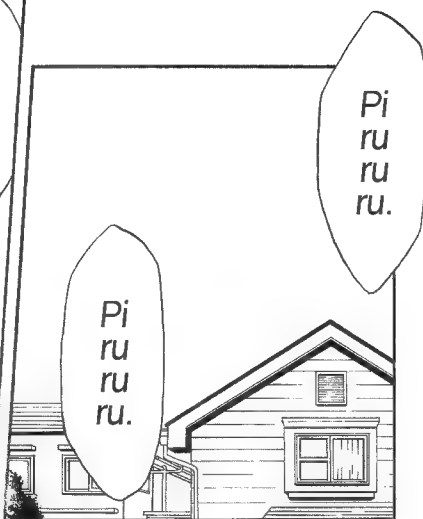


I BEAR  
YOU  
NO ILL  
WILL...



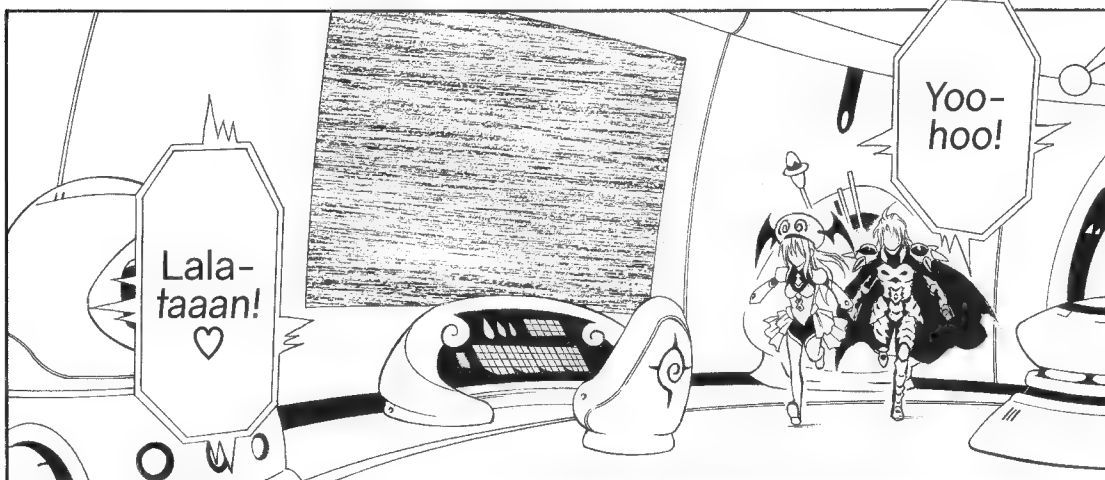
IT'S  
COMING  
FROM  
MY  
LAB!

WHAT  
IS THAT,  
LALA-  
SAMA?



Pi  
ru  
ru.  
ru.

Pi  
ru  
ru.  
ru.



Lala-  
taaan!  
♡

Yoo-  
hoo!



LA-  
COS-  
PO?!

GUH  
?!



It's  
me!

You re-  
member  
me, of  
course.

BWZZT





Indeed!  
The prince  
of planet  
Gaama,  
and the  
foremost  
of all your  
suitors:  
It is I,  
Lacospo!!

How  
have  
you  
beeeen,  
Lala-  
tan?!



I'll  
prepare  
a special  
seat for  
you right  
beside  
me,  
you see!



Today,  
you see,  
I've  
come  
to Earth  
to get  
you!

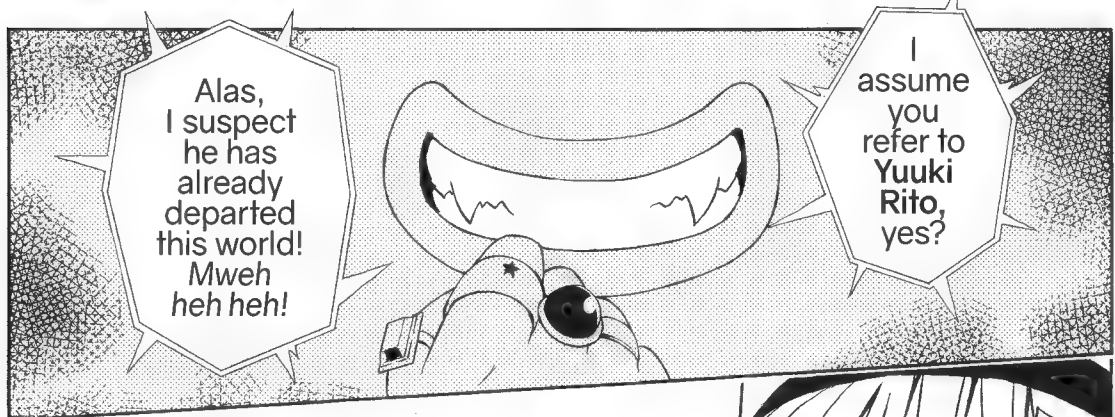
So!  
Let us  
be  
married  
with  
all  
haste!!



I'VE  
ALREADY  
FOUND A  
SULIPER  
GREAT  
GUY,  
RIGHT  
HERE ON  
EARTH!!

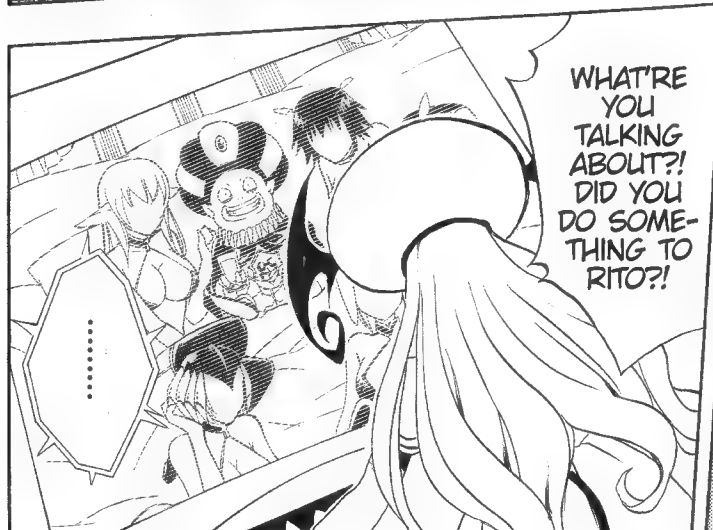
DIDN'T  
YOU  
KNOW  
?!

BLE-  
EEH!  
NO  
WAY!



Alas,  
I suspect  
he has  
already  
departed  
this world!  
Mweh  
heh heh!

I  
assume  
you  
refer to  
Yuuki  
Rito,  
yes?



WHAT'RE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?!  
DID YOU  
DO SOME-  
THING TO  
RITO?!




?!





Code-  
name:  
Golden  
Dark-  
ness!

She's a  
legendary  
assassin,  
holding  
the power to  
change her  
entire body  
into weaponry  
via her  
Transformation  
Ability!!



Are you  
familiar  
with  
"Golden  
Dark-  
ness"?



WHO  
...?



Now  
then,  
I'll be  
along  
shortly  
to get  
you!

I've  
got her  
under  
contract  
to  
eliminate  
Yuuki  
Rito!

You'd be  
better  
off just  
forgetting  
about that  
boy,  
now~!



Wait  
for  
me,  
Lala-  
tan!  
♡

SSSSSHIT



LALA-SAMA!  
I WILL  
ACCOMPANY  
YOU!!



WE'RE  
CERTAINLY  
IN  
TROUBLE  
NOW!

GOLDEN  
DARKNESS?!  
UNBELIEVABLE...  
SHE'S SAID TO  
BE ONE OF THE  
DEADLIEST  
PEOPLE IN  
THE ENTIRE  
UNIVERSE...!



KYAAA!

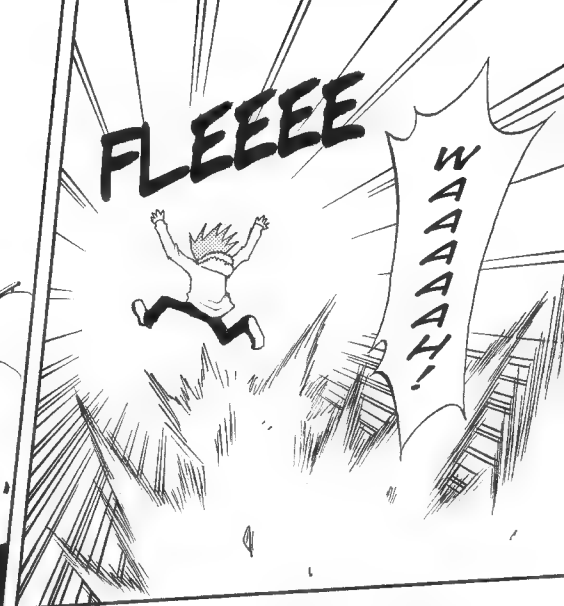
Sainan Shopping District

WAAH!

JUST  
HOLD  
ON UNTIL  
I GET  
THERE,  
RITO-  
DONO!







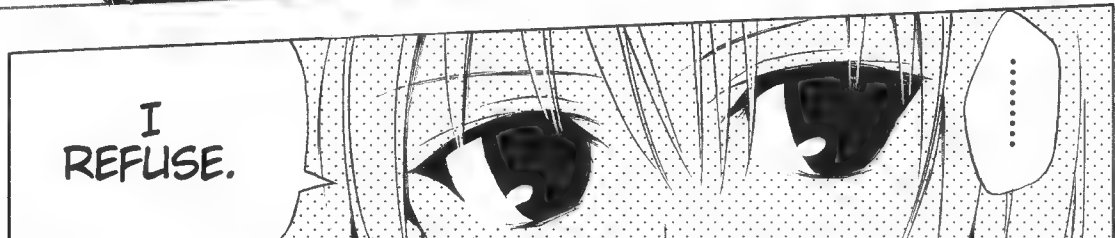


INCREDIBLE!  
HE  
PITCHED  
THE IDEA  
STRAIGHT  
UP!!

HOW  
ABOUT YOU  
JOIN ME  
ON A NICE  
LITTLE  
RESORT  
VACATION?

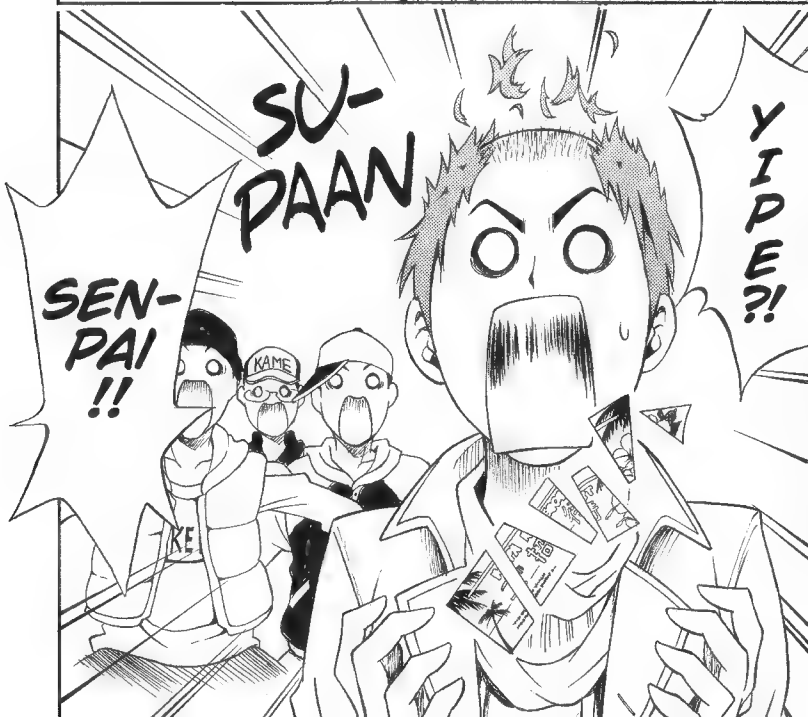
HEY,  
CUTIE!

CLASSIC  
MOTEMITSU-  
SENPAI! NO  
HESITATION,  
HE JUST  
WENT  
ALL IN!



I  
REFUSE.

...



SU-  
PAAN

SEN-  
PAI!!

YIDE?!



?







SO  
PLEASE  
CEASE  
YOUR  
RUNNING.

SHE'S  
SERI-  
OUS  
?!!

SHE...

HAD  
STRAYED  
AWAY  
FROM  
LALA.



UM,  
EXCUSE  
ME...  
WHERE  
AM I,  
EXACT-  
LY?

MEAN-  
WHILE,  
ZASTIN...

# Character File

## 02

### Lala Satalin Deviluke

#### ☆Lala Satalin Deviluke

Lala is a girl who is honest and straightforward in everything she does. Rather than making things turn out well, this actually tends to end up being rather fruitless--but in a way, maybe that's part of her charm.

#### ☆The Beginning of Production

Way back when we were first planning out *To Love Ru*, Yabuki-san created a rough design and personality for Lala and Rito. We used those as our basis when we chatted with the supervisor about each thing we wanted to do and thus created the premise.

#### ☆As a Character

When we were creating Lala, we didn't think about it all that hard. Although, putting it that way is going to make it sound like we were careless about it! Regarding Lala's development, much like Rito, she is one of the story's viewpoint characters. Since she's an alien, we made use of her particular quality of being ignorant of Earth culture--so whatever happens, she's always quite curious about what's going on. In terms of abilities, the notion of her being an inventor (and that being a source of comedy) was something we added in the preliminary meeting phase. I came up with the idea of her producing things from her handheld machine called the "D-Dial." When Yabuki-san decided on having Peke be a "robot for undressing," you could say that's when we could see the direction that *To Love Ru* as a manga was headed in.

#### ☆Sense of Shame

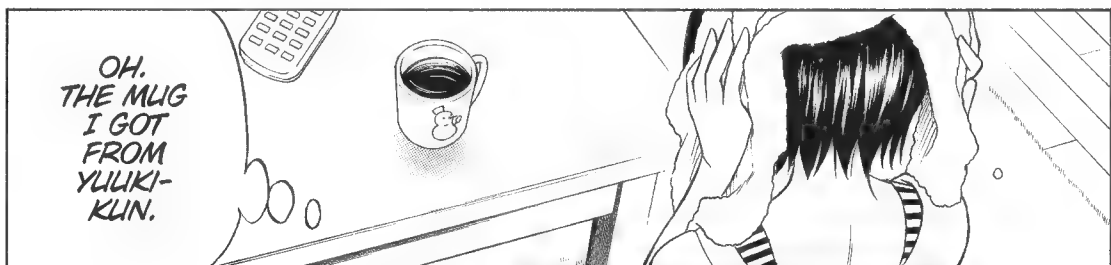
Lala's got a very open personality--she doesn't show very much shame, even if she's seen naked. That was an intentional choice on our part. It's the result of her royal upbringing, and also acts as a contrast with Haruna's character.

#### ☆Lala's Feelings

When it comes to Rito, Lala is very direct about expressing her feelings. By contrast, Haruna behaves in the opposite way. This is probably the first time Lala has known what it feels like to genuinely love someone. Up to now, she's been limited by her marriage candidates, but when she meets Rito, she starts to know real love. Yabuki-san and I would like to go beyond where we think that love should go; we'd like to find out the answer together with everyone, based on their imaginations and ideals.

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WA-  
AA-  
AH-  
HH  
!!

ZANSHU

DIE

!!!



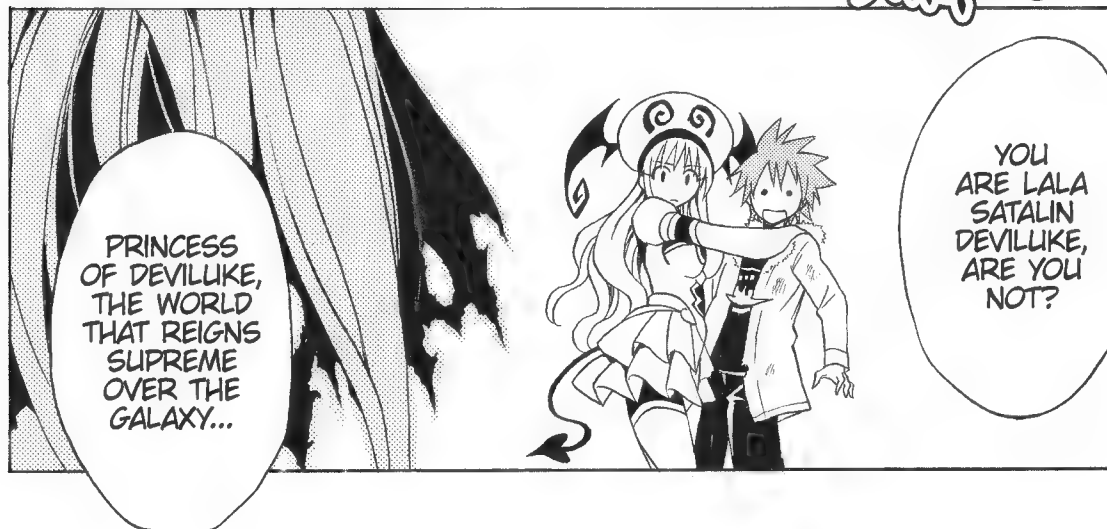


TROUBLE 36:  
THE POWER OF  
THE DARKNESS













CRASHING



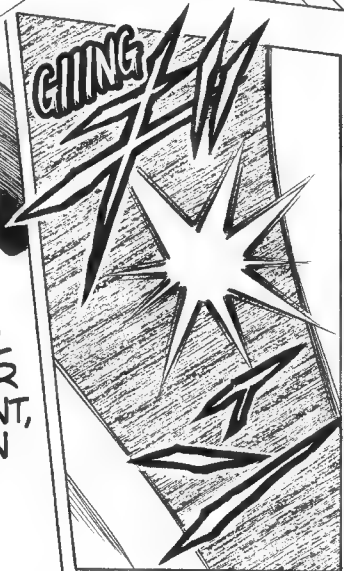
ZA AA



I AM  
ZAS-  
TIN!!



I SHALL  
BE YOUR  
OPPONENT,  
GOLDEN  
DARK-  
NESS!!



CHING



FWOOOO

WHO  
AM  
I?

COMMANDER  
OF THE  
PLANET  
DEVILLIKE  
ROYAL  
GUARD...  
AND!!



ZASTIN?  
WHO  
ARE  
YOU?



KER-SPLAAASH!!

I  
AM  
ZAS-  
TIN  
!!!

FURTHER-  
MORE,  
I AM CHIEF  
ASSISTANT  
AT STUDIO  
SAIBAI,  
UNDER  
ONE YULUKI  
SAIBAI!!



THIS  
LEAVES  
ME WITH  
NO RE-  
COURSE.

THAT'S A  
LITTLE  
BEYOND  
ME, BUT  
EVIDENTLY,  
YOU TOO  
INTEND TO  
STAND IN  
MY WAY.



CHIEF...  
ASSIS-  
TANT?

I DON'T  
REALLY  
THINK  
THAT'S  
SOMETHING  
YOU WANT  
TO GLOAT  
ABOUT!!



COME...



OUR  
BATTLE  
BEGINS  
!!!



BZZT

KZZT

KSSHT

CRASH

AAA-  
GH!













THIS IS  
EARTH,  
A WORLD  
YOU DO  
NOT YET  
UNDER-  
STAND!

BE-  
CAUSE...

CH-  
CLNK  
CH-  
CLNK...



IT'S  
A  
TRAIN  
!!

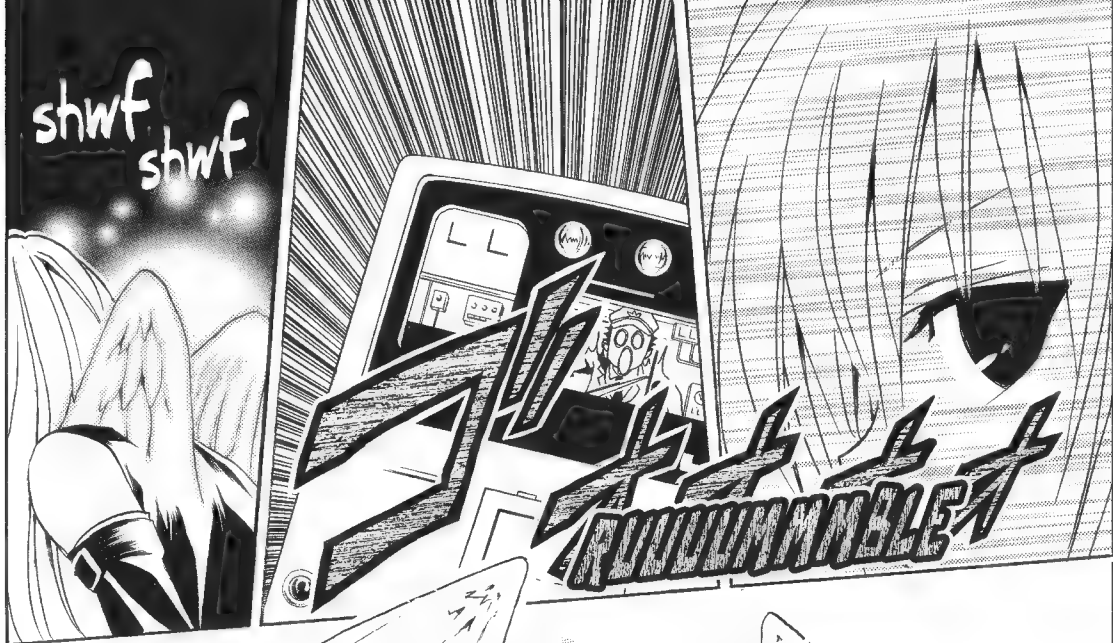
THE  
TERRAIN  
TO MY  
ADVAN-  
TAGE!!!

AND  
NOW,  
I WILL  
USE...

POPP  
HOOOONK

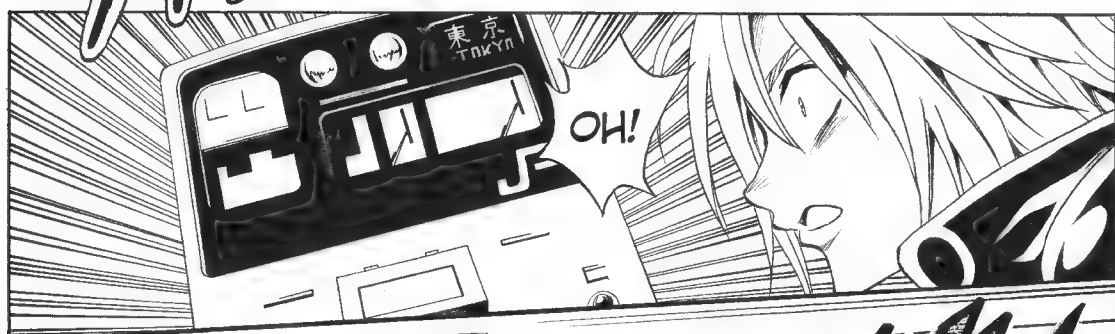
BWIIISHY

SHWOON

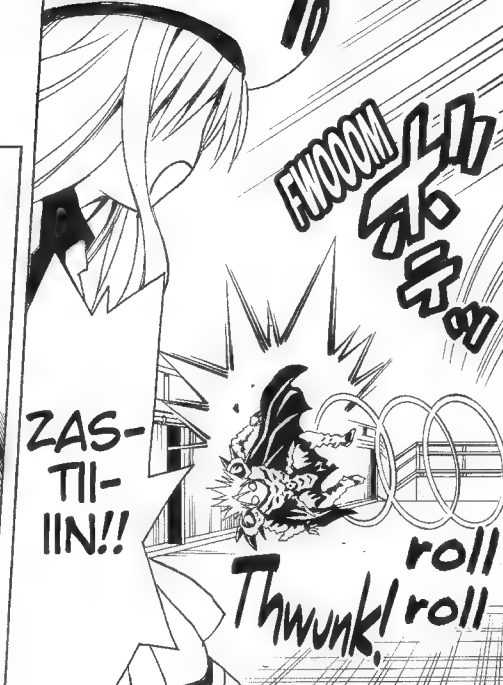


**TRANS-  
FORM  
!!!**

**FA-FLAP**









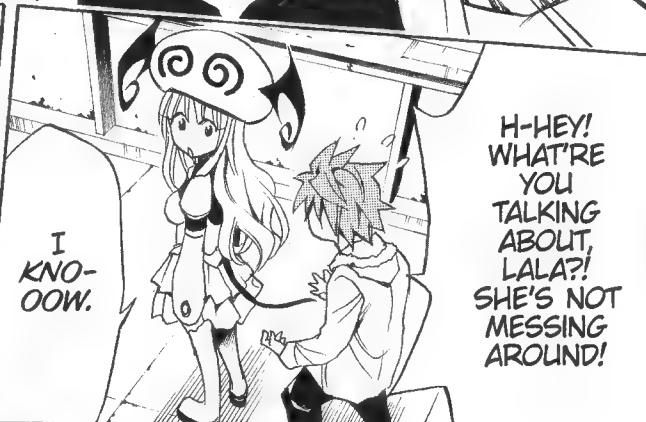
IF THIS'S  
THE  
WAY IT'S  
GONNA BE,  
THEN  
YOU'LL  
FIGHT ME  
NOW!!

HUH  
?!



LALA  
SATALIN  
DEVILLIKE  
...

YOU  
WILL  
FIGHT  
ME?



I  
KNO-  
OW.

H-HEY!  
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT,  
LALA?!  
SHE'S NOT  
MESSING  
AROUND!



I'LL  
BE  
FINE!



IF  
SOMEONE  
HAS TO  
FIGHT, I'D  
RATHER  
ME BE  
THE ONE  
WHO--!

NO,  
YOU  
CAN'T!



PLAY  
WITH FIRE,  
AND  
YOU'LL GET  
BURNED,  
PRINCESS.

I MIGHT  
NOT  
LOOK IT,  
BUT I'M  
ACTUALLY  
PRETTY  
TOUGH!!

IS  
THIS  
SOME  
KIND  
OF  
MANGA  
?!

WHAT  
THE  
HECK  
?!

Eeee

eeek!!

# Character File

## 03 Sairenji Haruna

### ☆Sairenji Haruna

A girl who has been thinking constantly about Rito since junior high. She hasn't acted on those thoughts, though. But where will those feelings take sweet, pure-of-heart Haruna?



### ☆The Love Triangle

In the beginning, we figured that *To Love Ru* would mainly be a comedy featuring Rito and Lala, and that Rito would just long for Haruna. However, as we had more and more production meetings, it kept becoming more and more of a love triangle, and so Haruna ended up being a featured character like Lala, one who also really likes Rito.



### ☆Creating Her Character

I wrote this in Lala's bio earlier, but Haruna and Lala are meant to be contrasting characters. While that might seem natural, Haruna's mission is to bring a certain charm to the table that Lala lacks. She's shy, so she can't really voice her feelings, even when she wants to. Her and Rito's personalities are alike in this manner. When you have two people with the same way of thinking and feeling, at first it seems great, but then you realize that their similarities may actually lead to them hating each other... It seems like it just won't work out. Maybe if Lala hadn't showed up in Chapter One, things would be going smoothly for the two of them right about now... Maybe! If we did that, though, we wouldn't be able to continue with the story, so...sorry about that, Rito and Haruna! Ha ha!



### ☆Haruna's Growth

Lala understands where she stands with Rito, and her feelings eventually start to mature. For Haruna, though, she realizes that she's not prioritizing her own feelings. She wants to tell the guy she likes how she feels, but she also sees him as a friend. If I had to put it simply, she's not looking at it from a "do I want friendship or do I want love" perspective, but more a "should I respect that other person's feelings more than my own?" perspective. That's the unfavorable position she finds herself in, I think.



### ☆Name

It's sort of a trivial detail, but when we were in the first scenario-planning stages, Haruna's work-in-progress name was Madoka. No, no, the name doesn't have any deep meaning. She got the name Haruna from Yabuki-san when we were in the middle of coming up with names for everyone else.

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TROUBLE 37:  
PRINCESS VS. ASSASSIN





ARE  
SAYING  
YOU  
WOULD  
FIGHT  
AGAINST  
ME?

YOU, A  
PRINCESS  
OF ROYAL  
UPBRING-  
ING...

TWITCH

TWITCH



FINE  
BY  
ME!

C'MON,  
BRING  
IT  
ON!!



LET  
ME  
TELL  
YOU...

I'M  
RATHER  
POOR AT  
GOING  
EASY ON  
PEOPLE.



IT'S  
TOTALLY  
FINE,  
RITO!

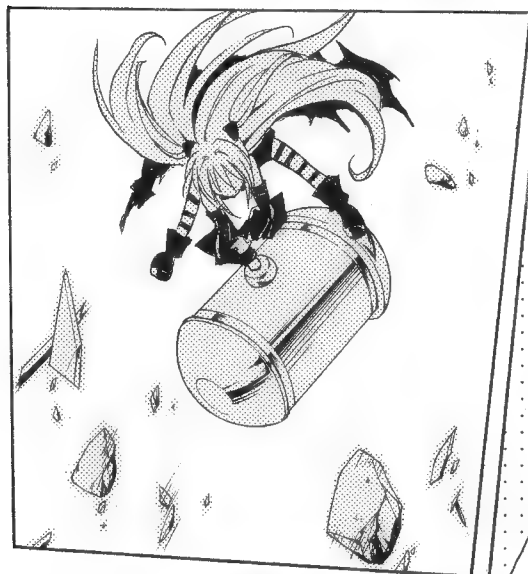
WE  
SHOULD  
JUST  
RUN  
AWAY!!

LALA,  
THIS IS  
RIDICU-  
LOUS!



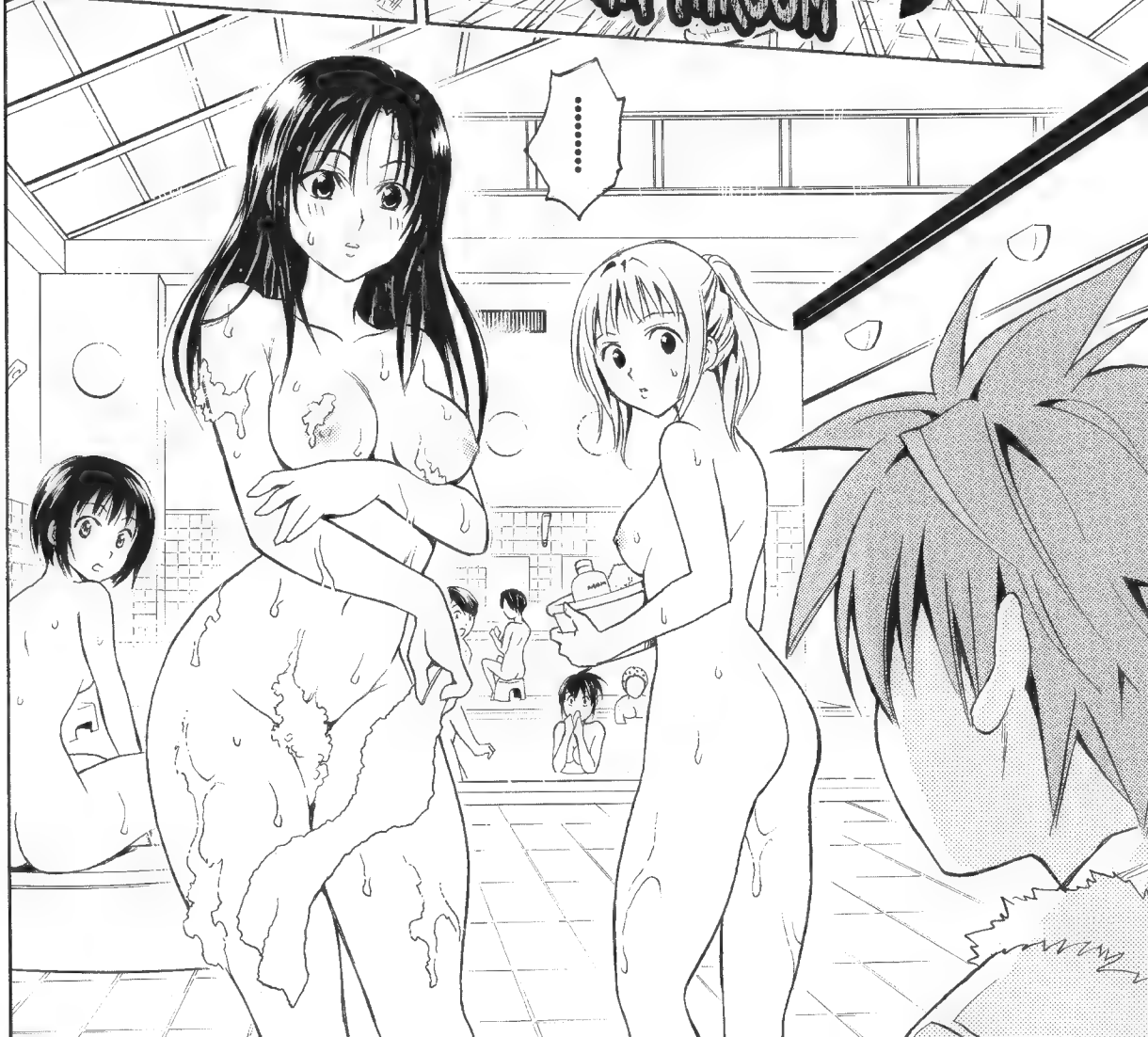
LET'S  
GO,  
THEN.

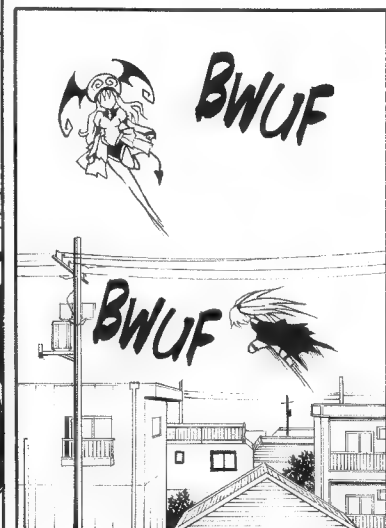
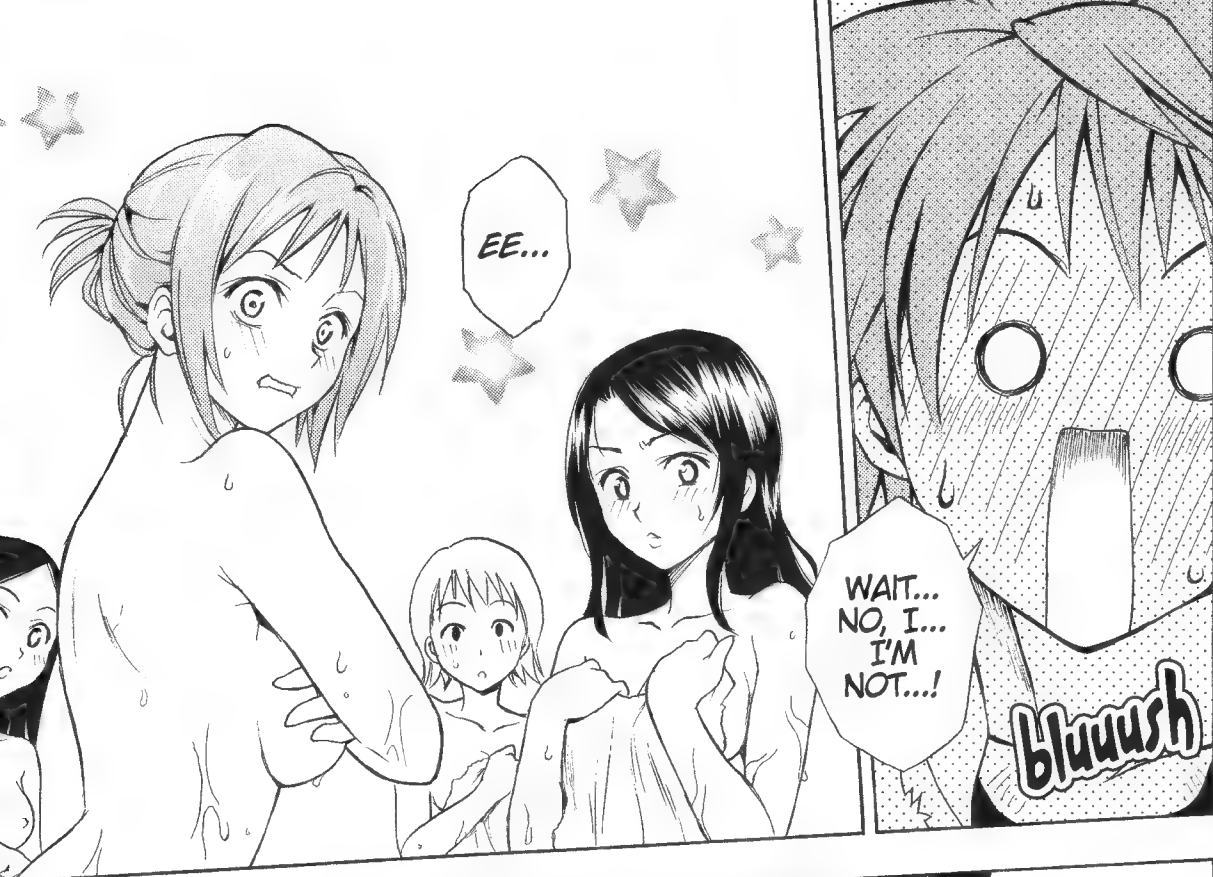


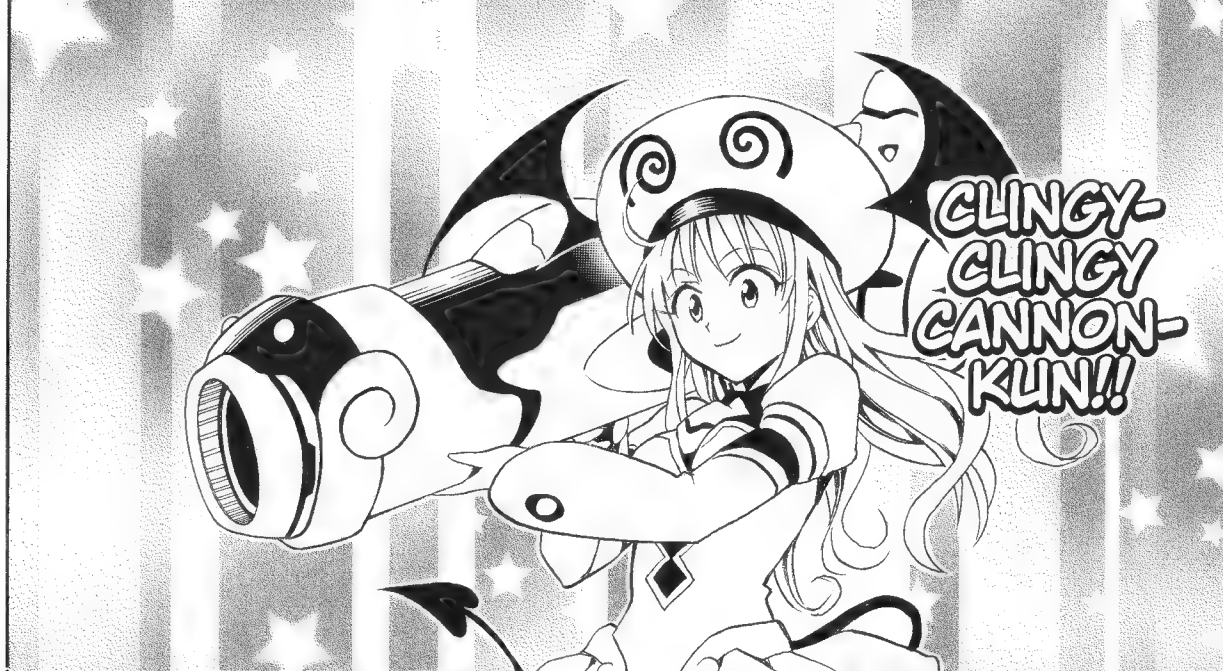








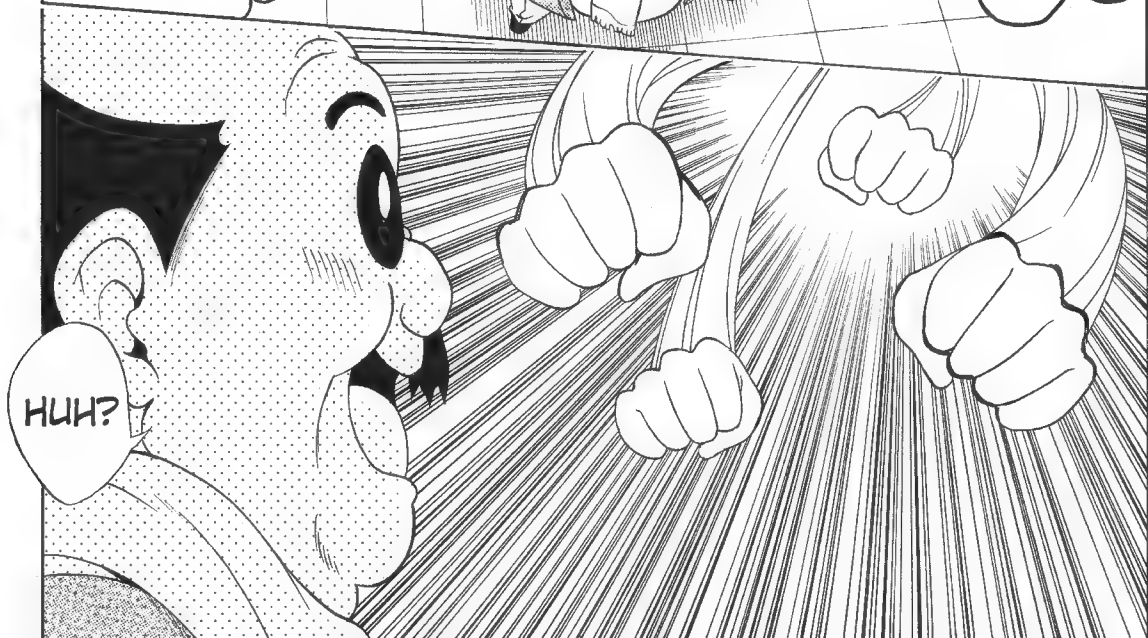
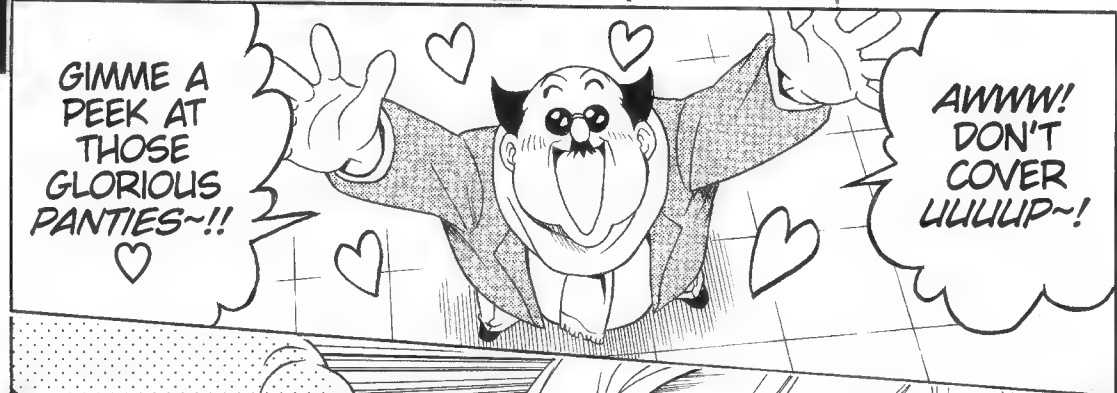












EEY-  
YAA-  
AAA-  
GHH!!

I  
DESPISE  
PERVER-  
SION!!

YOU'RE  
OOOPEN  
~!!

TWISTY-  
TWIRLY  
TWINE-  
KUN!!!







THEN  
STOP  
PLAYING  
WITH  
THESE  
TOYS,  
PRINCESS.

IF  
YOU  
TRULY  
WISH  
TO  
FIGHT...





NO WAY!  
RITO  
ISN'T LIKE  
THAT  
AT ALL!

RITO  
?!



PERHAPS  
SO.

.....



SUCH  
IS THE  
ROLE OF  
GOLDEN  
DARK-  
NESS.

HOWEVER,  
ONCE I TAKE  
A CONTRACT,  
I ALWAYS  
FULFILL IT,  
NO MATTER  
WHAT KIND OF  
PERSON THE  
TARGET  
MAY BE.



WHA-  
AAT  
?!

A PRINCESS  
WITH YOUR  
ROYAL  
UPBRINGING  
WOULD LIKELY  
STRUGGLE  
TO UNDER-  
STAND...

NO,  
YOU  
CAN'T!  
THAT'S  
AWFUL  
!!

WHAT IT  
MEANS  
TO BE  
WHOLLY  
AND  
COMPLETELY  
ALONE  
IN THIS  
UNIVERSE.

YUP...  
YOU'VE  
GOT A  
POINT.

WHY  
DOES  
THIS  
ALWAYS  
HAPPEN  
...?!

PHE-  
EEW...  
FINALLY  
GOT IT  
OFF!



BECAUSE  
THERE'S  
SOOO  
MUCH  
STUFF  
I DON'T  
KNOW!

THAT'S  
WHY  
I CAME  
TO SEE  
THE WORLD  
OUTSIDE  
MY  
PALACE!



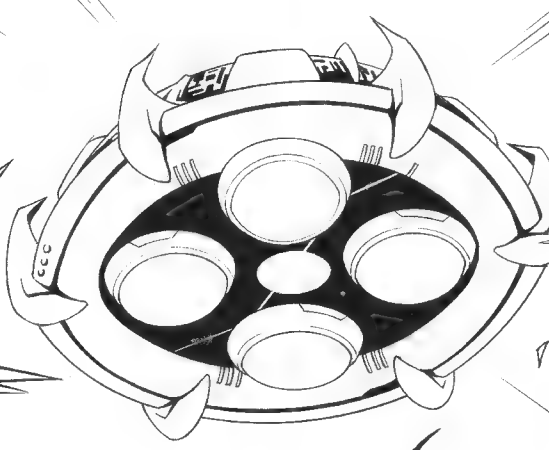
LALA...



GRROOOOAR

?!





Your  
opponent  
isn't  
supposed  
to be  
Lala-tan!!

What  
are you  
doing,  
Golden  
Darkness  
?!



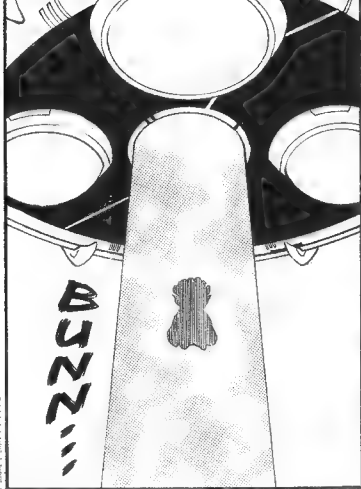
!!

LALA'S  
SUITOR  
?!

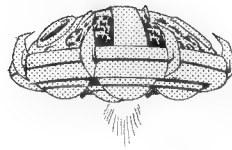
LA-  
COS-  
PO  
?!

**TO LOVERU**





TROUBLE 38:  
THE DARKNESS CLEARS?



BEHOLD!  
I,  
LACOS-  
PO,  
HAVE  
COME!!

TA-  
DA-  
AA!



THAT'S  
ONE  
OF  
LALA'S  
FIANCE  
CANDI-  
DATES  
?!

HE  
LOOKS  
LIKE A  
TOTAL  
SHRIMP!



LACOS-  
PO!





NO  
WAY  
WOULD  
I EVER  
MARRY  
YOU!

Nyaah!

YOU  
SENT AN  
ASSASSIN  
TO KILL  
RITO!  
YOU'RE  
THE  
WORST!!



THE  
WORST  
?!

THE...



LALA-  
TAAAN!  
I'VE COME  
TO GET YOU!  
NOW COME,  
COME!  
LET US BE  
MARRIEED~!  
♡



DESPITE  
GOING  
THIS  
FAR TO  
SHOW  
MY  
LOVE...!

LALA-  
TAN...  
WHY  
DON'T  
YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND  
...?!



YOU  
HEARD ME!  
I'D NEVER  
MARRY  
SOMEBODY  
SO  
TERRIBLE!!

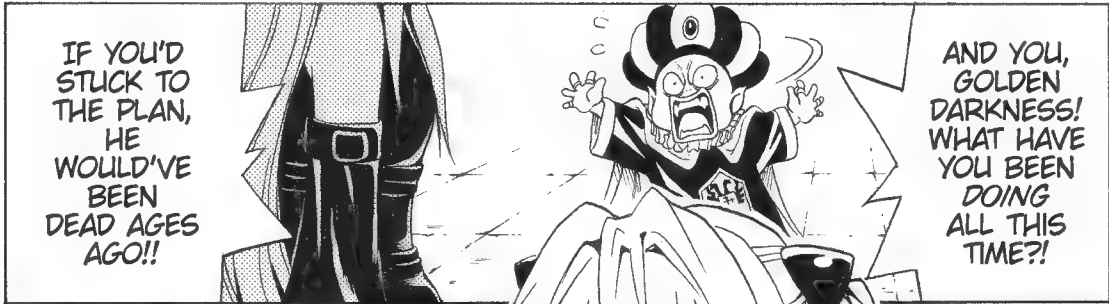
B-  
B-  
BUT  
...!



HOW DARE YOU SEDUCE LALA-TAN LIKE THIS?!

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, YUUKI RITO!!

HUH?



IF YOU'D STUCK TO THE PLAN, HE WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD AGES AGO!!

AND YOU, GOLDEN DARKNESS! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?!




REGARDING YUUKI RITO'S DATA... HE APPEARS TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY YOU DESCRIBED HIM TO ME.



I, TOO, HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

YOUR TIMING IS EXCELLENT, LACOSPO.

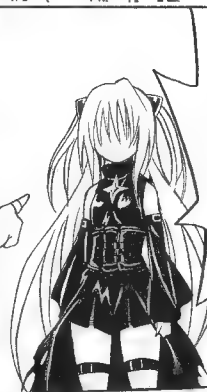


SURELY,  
IT COULDN'T  
BE THAT  
YOU WERE  
TRYING TO  
DECEIVE  
ME.

YOU  
ASSURED  
ME THAT  
THE  
INFORMATION  
YOU GAVE  
WAS  
TRUTHFUL  
AND FREE  
OF LIES...



WHY  
WOULD  
I HAVE  
REASON  
TO  
LIE TO  
YOU?!



SHUT UP!  
YULKI RITO'S  
THE BAD  
GUY!  
HE'S TRYING  
TO TRICK  
LALA-TAN!!



SH...



WH-  
WHAT IS  
THIS?!  
THOSE  
EYES...!

I AM  
YOUR  
CLIENT  
!!



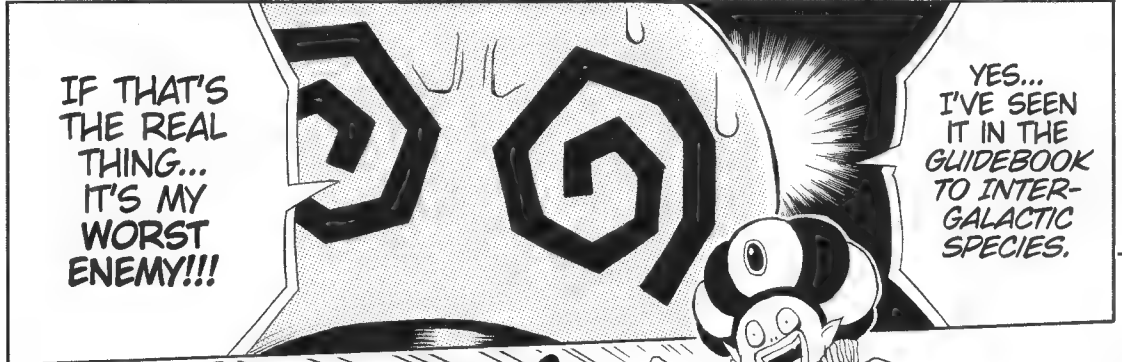
YAMI-  
CHAN  
...?!



YAMI-  
CHAN!  
YOU CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
ANYTHING  
HE'S  
SAYING!









NYAH  
HAH HAH!  
GAMA-TAN'S  
MUCUS QUITE  
CONVENIENTLY  
ONLY  
DISSOLVES  
CLOTHING!



HE IS  
THUS MY  
MOST  
FAVORED  
PET!!



MY  
CLOTHES  
ARE  
...!!





SUCH  
AN  
ABSURD  
CREA-  
TURE...

GOLDEN  
DARK-  
NESS!!




NOW,  
LET'S  
GET  
YOU NICE  
AND  
NAKED!!



I  
CANNOT  
ALLOW  
IT TO  
EXIST!

Kiiiiin

TWUP



IT CAN'T  
CUT  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
MUCUS?!



ZA-SHUU









YOU'RE  
WIDE  
OPEN!!



DAMN  
...

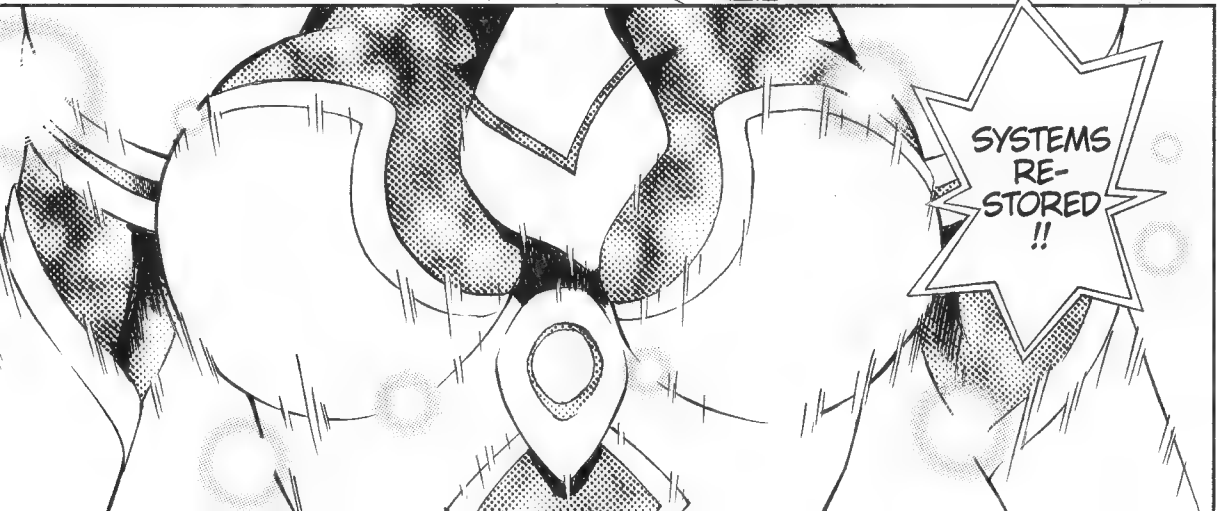


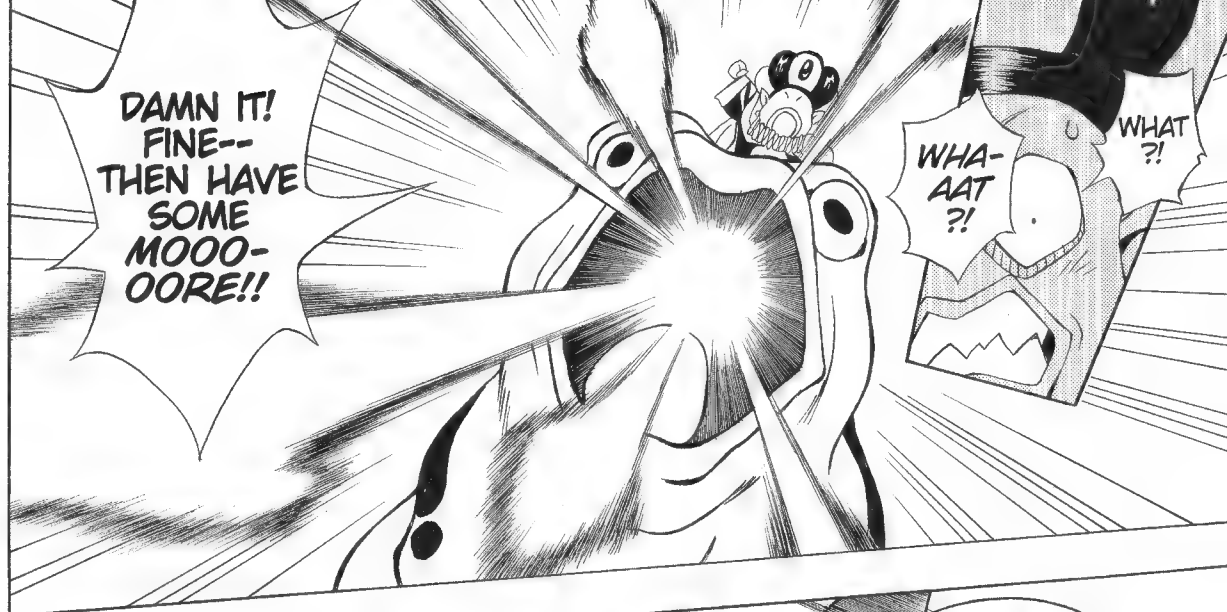
TIME  
TO  
BARE  
IT ALL  
--!!

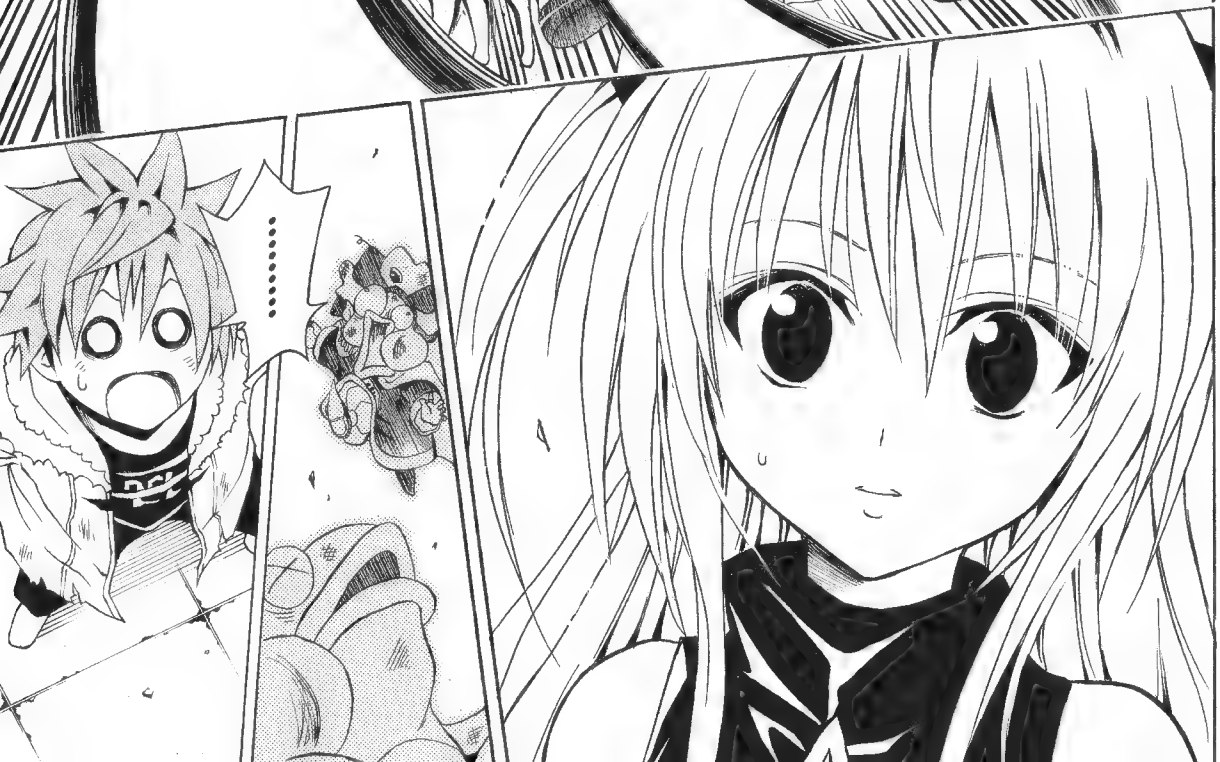
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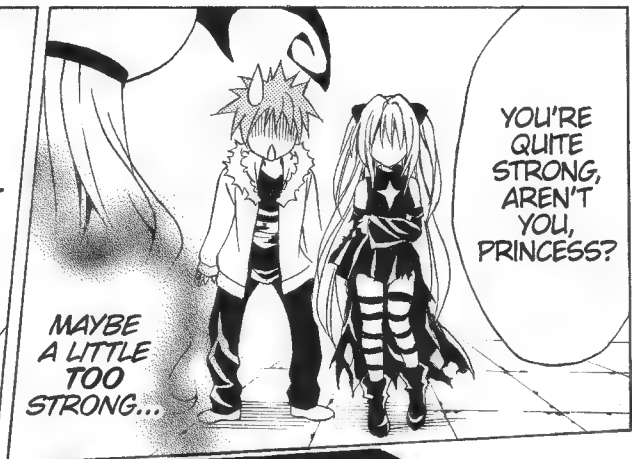




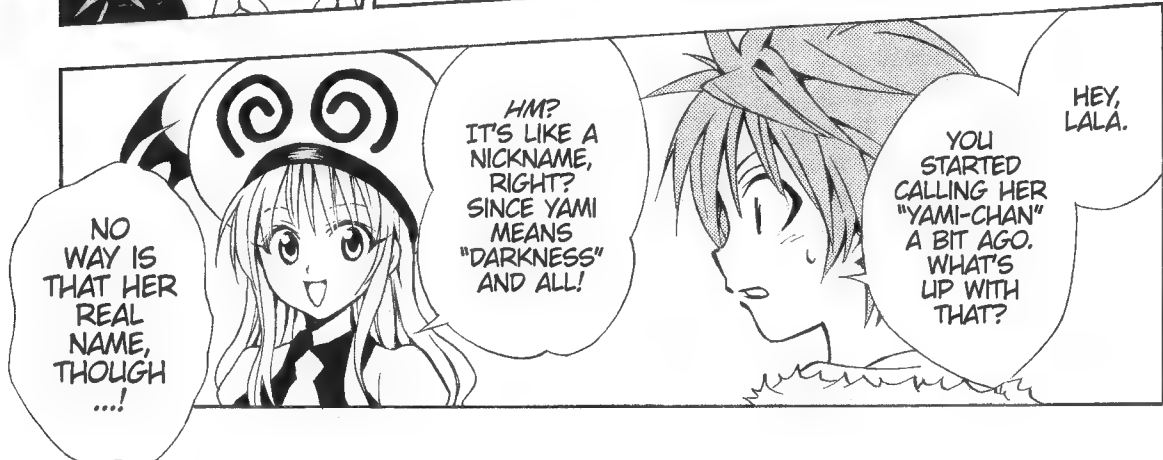
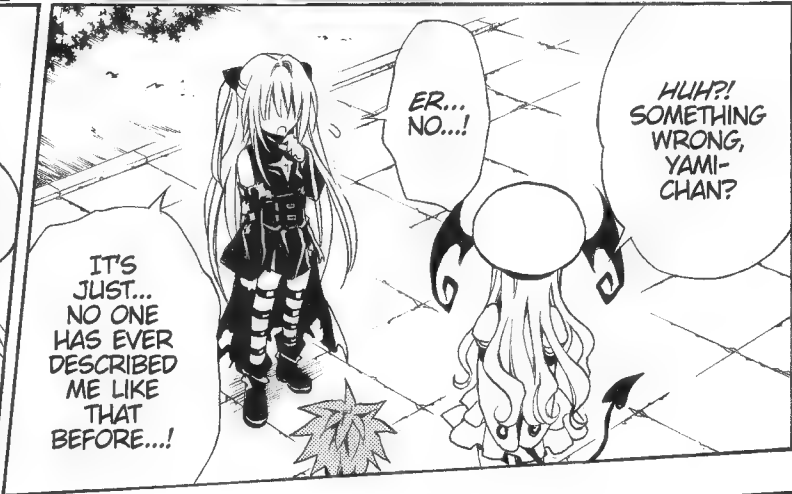














YOU'LL DROP THE WHOLE "KILL RITO" THING AND HEAD BACK INTO SPACE SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?

A-  
ANYWAY!  
WITH LACOSPO GONE...



CALL ME WHATEVER YOU PLEASE.



GO BACK...  
TO SPACE?



I HAVE NO INTEREST IN PETTY DETAILS LIKE NAMES.



NO.

IT GOES AGAINST MY PRINCIPLES TO ABANDON A JOB ONCE I'VE UNDERTAKEN IT.



?



GLANCE...

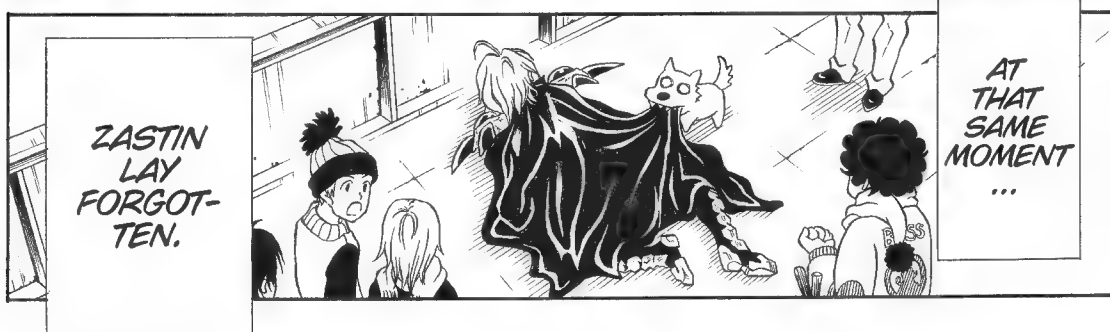


UNTIL  
I HAVE  
PER-  
SONALLY  
ELIMINATED  
YOU.

YUUKI  
RITO...  
I HAVE  
DECIDED  
TO  
REMAIN  
HERE  
ON  
EARTH...



ARE  
YOU  
SERI-  
OUS  
?!



ZASTIN  
LAY  
FORGOT-  
TEN.

AT  
THAT  
SAME  
MOMENT  
...

# Character File

## Golden Darkness

Hello there, Yabuki here! I always leave these pages to Hasemi-san, but when it comes to this character, I think I should speak about her directly.



### ☆Reason For Her Debut

Ever since starting, I'd always wanted to do something with the idea of a girl assassin constantly coming after Rito. So, once we had the characters and world stabilized, I figured, "Time to do it!" and spoke with Hasemi-san and our supervisor.



### ☆Appearance and Abilities

When presenting this girl assassin-type character, the result of my discussion with Hasemi-san and the supervisor was a decision to go with a refined version of the heroine "Eve" from my previous work, *Black Cat*. The reasoning was that it would be a nice surprise for people who had read that previous work--plus, debuting a character who crossed over between works was something that I'd wanted to do. However, the number one reason was that it seemed like I could make use of Eve's ability to turn her whole body into a weapon to match the character concept of "an assassin always going after Rito."



### ☆Personality and Name

In the original scenario that Hasemi-san wrote for the first chapter of this volume, Yami's way of speaking was childish. For example, if she were eating ice cream in a park, she'd say stuff like "delicious." That kind of detail really strengthened the "Eve" elements of her character. However, for me, Yami wasn't meant to be a joke character aimed at people who knew my previous work, but a new character for *To Love Ru*. So, while we were in the process of coming up with her name, I had Hasemi-san change Yami's speech style and behavior. Then, I added some key lines I wanted to have her say, the sort that negate the concept of *To Love Ru* itself, like "I despise perversion."



### ☆Seductiveness -or- Appeal

Since there wasn't even a single panty shot of Eve in *Black Cat* (because mid-battle panty shots didn't feel very sexy to me, really...), in Yami's debut volume we were more restrained. Next time she appears in *To Love Ru*, though, I can't give her special treatment! There might be people opposed to this, but she's a character meant to be similar to Eve, so please try to understand my reasoning!

Yabuki





サイン★スケ  
TROUBLE 39:  
SLIPPERY TRANSFORMATIONS  
SAINAN  
SKATE

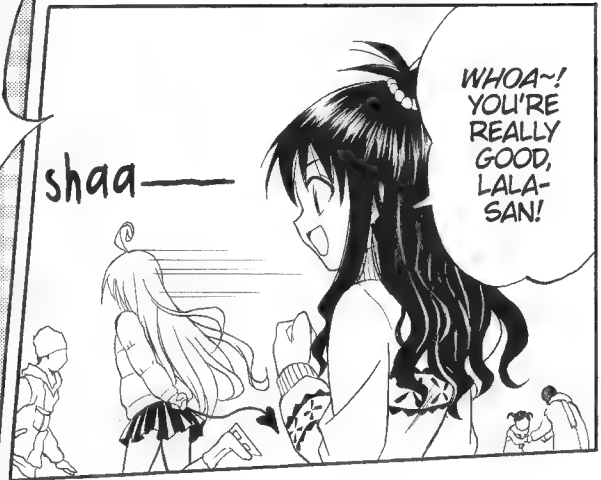
RITOOO!  
MIKAN!  
LOOK AT  
MEEEE  
~!!



KSSSSHHH



AAAAAH!



shaa——

WHOA~!  
YOU'RE  
REALLY  
GOOD,  
LALA-  
SAN!



AND  
THEN  
THERE'S  
THIS  
GUY.



LA——

slip

slip



ISN'T  
IT LALA-  
SAN'S  
FIRST  
TIME,  
TOO?

SHE'S  
AN  
EXCEP-  
TION!



SH-  
SHUT  
UP,  
MIKAN!

THIS IS  
PRETTY  
MUCH  
MY FIRST  
TIME  
SKATING!!





HOWEVER,  
YOUR  
NEGLIGENCE  
WILL  
BE YOUR  
UNDOING.

FOR  
I AM  
ALWAYS  
HUNTING  
YOU.

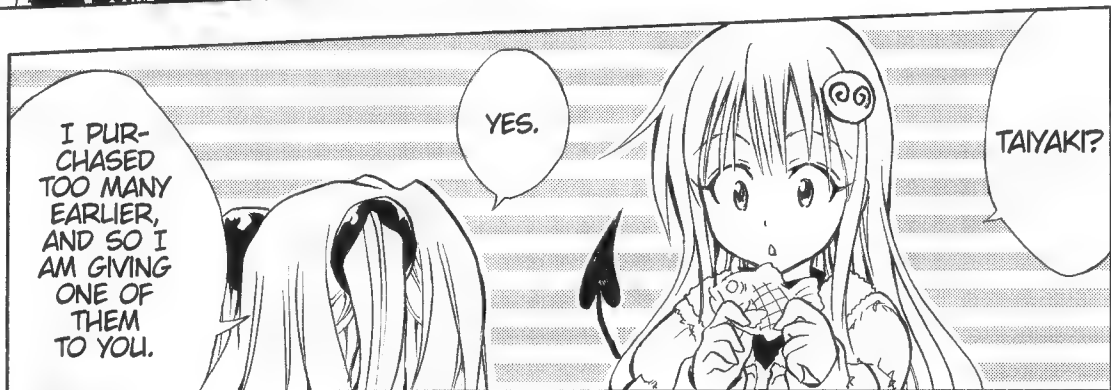
YOU  
SEEM QUITE  
AT EASE,  
PLAYING  
AROUND IN  
A PLACE LIKE  
THIS, YUUKI  
RITO.

TREMBLE  
TREMBLE

IT'S  
HER  
...!!

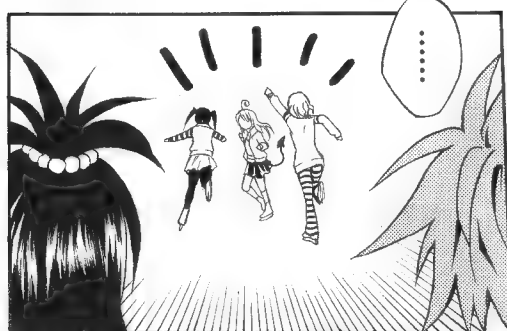












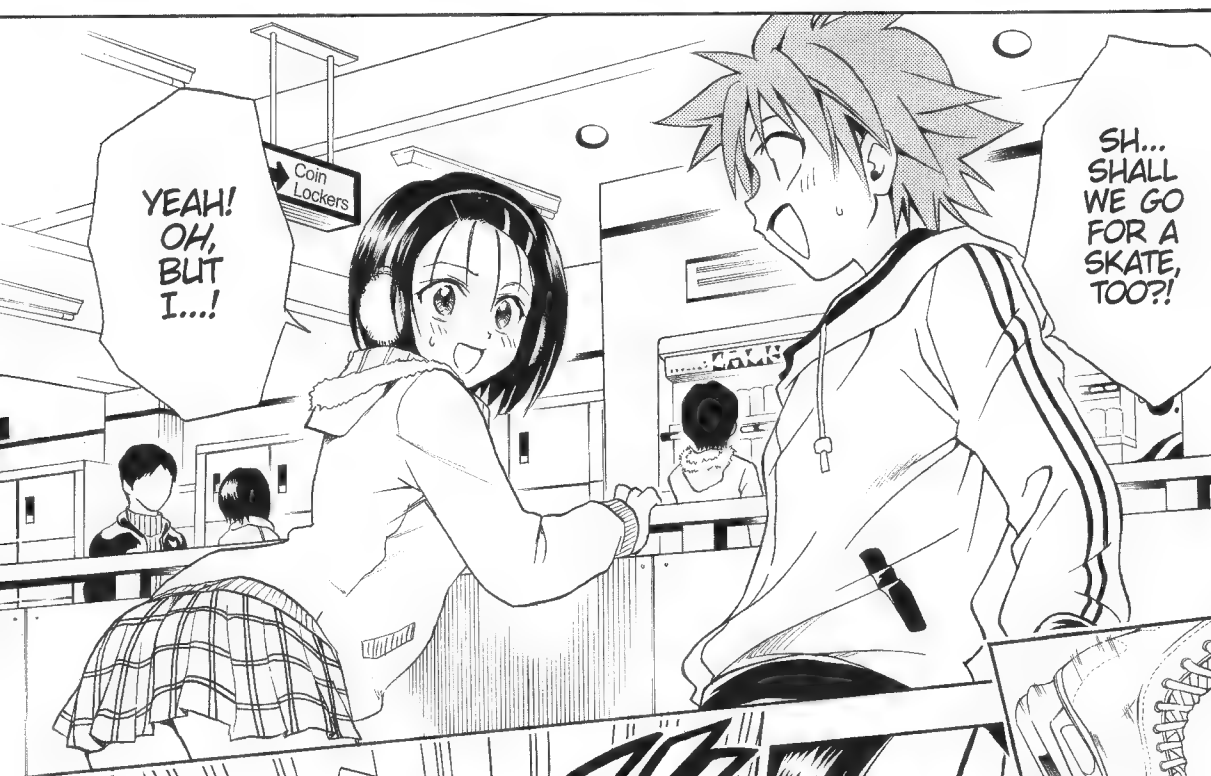




Oh  
ho  
ho!



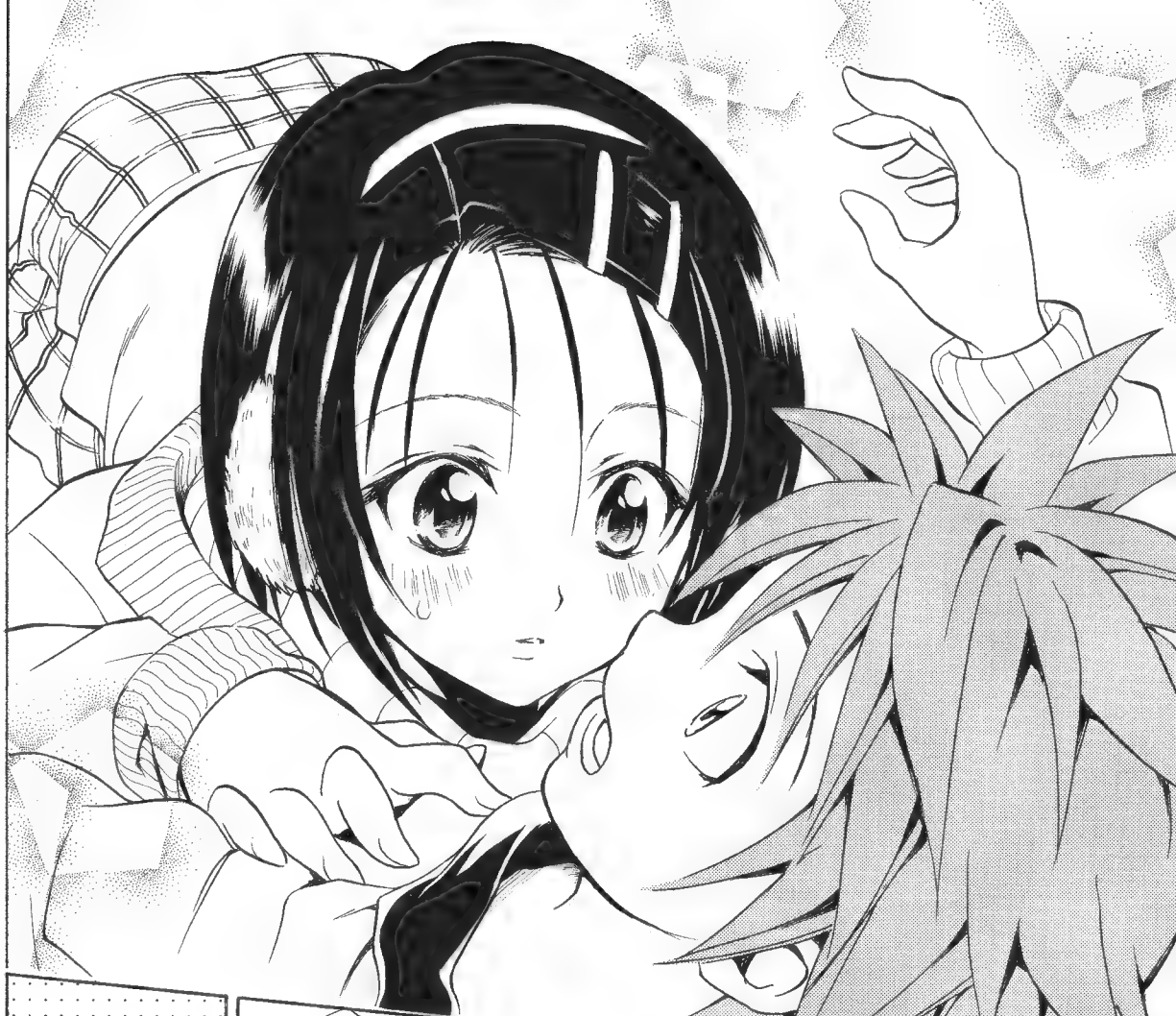
DID SHE  
FIGURE  
OUT  
THAT I  
LIKE  
HARUNA...?



YEAH!  
OH,  
BUT  
I...!

SH...  
SHALL  
WE GO  
FOR A  
SKATE,  
TOO?!





O-OKAY,  
SHOULD  
WE GO  
AHEAD AND  
PRACTICE  
TO-  
GETHER?!

Y...  
YEAH!

N-NOT  
AT ALL,  
IT'S THE  
SAME  
FOR  
ME...!

I...I'M  
SO SORRY!  
THIS IS MY  
FIRST TIME  
SKATING,  
AND I CAN'T  
REALLY  
DO IT THAT  
WELL!

OH,  
MAN...  
HER  
FACE  
WAS  
RIGHT  
UP IN  
MINE.



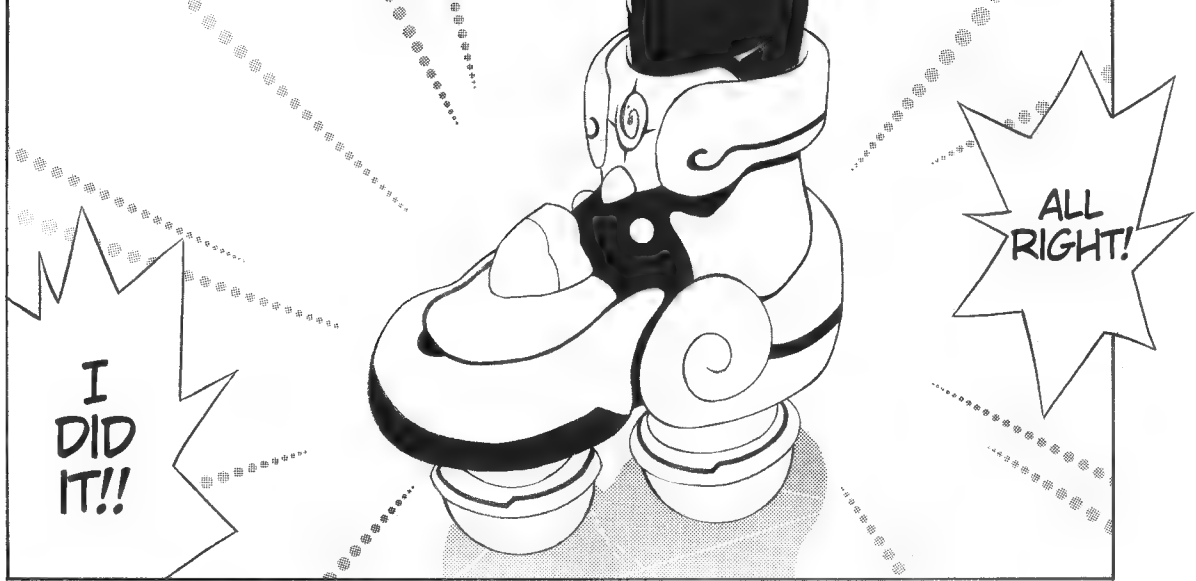
UH  
...!





YAHOO-OO!!

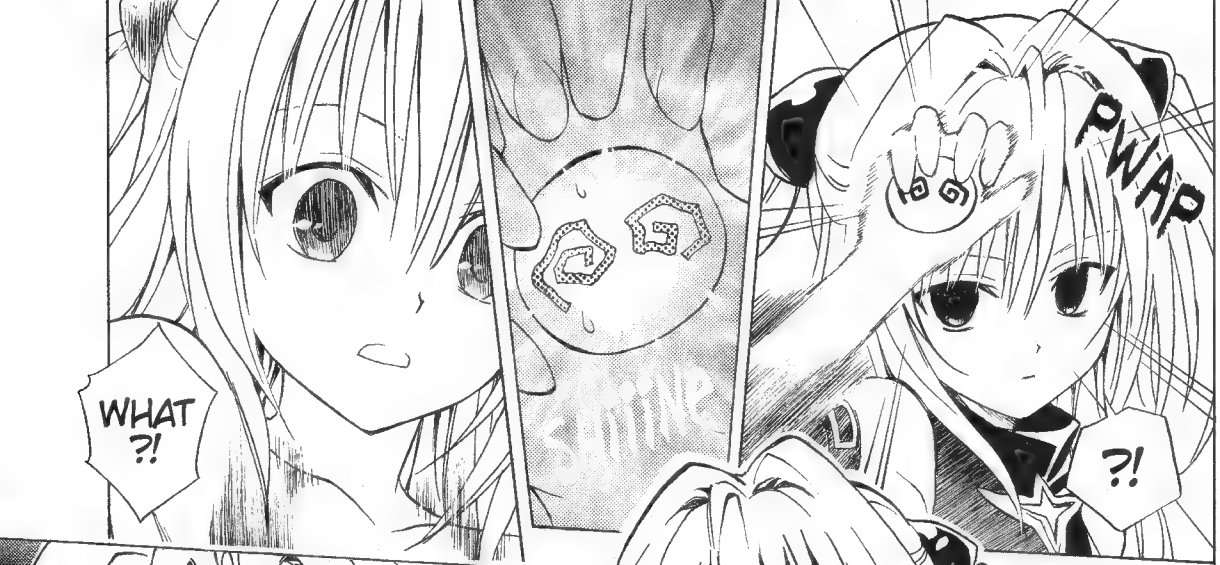














HEY!  
MIO,  
WHAT'S  
WITH  
THAT  
OUTFIT?!

I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
...!



AAH  
?!

?  
Pylop

Poof



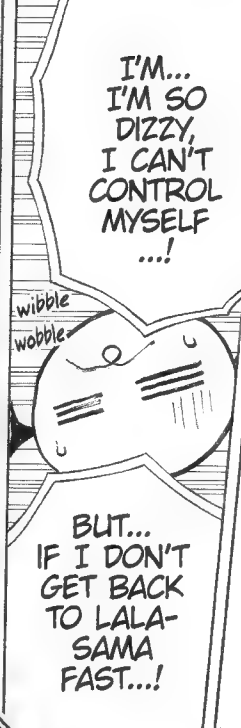
GYAA!

Poof

WHAT  
IS  
THII-  
IIS  
?!!







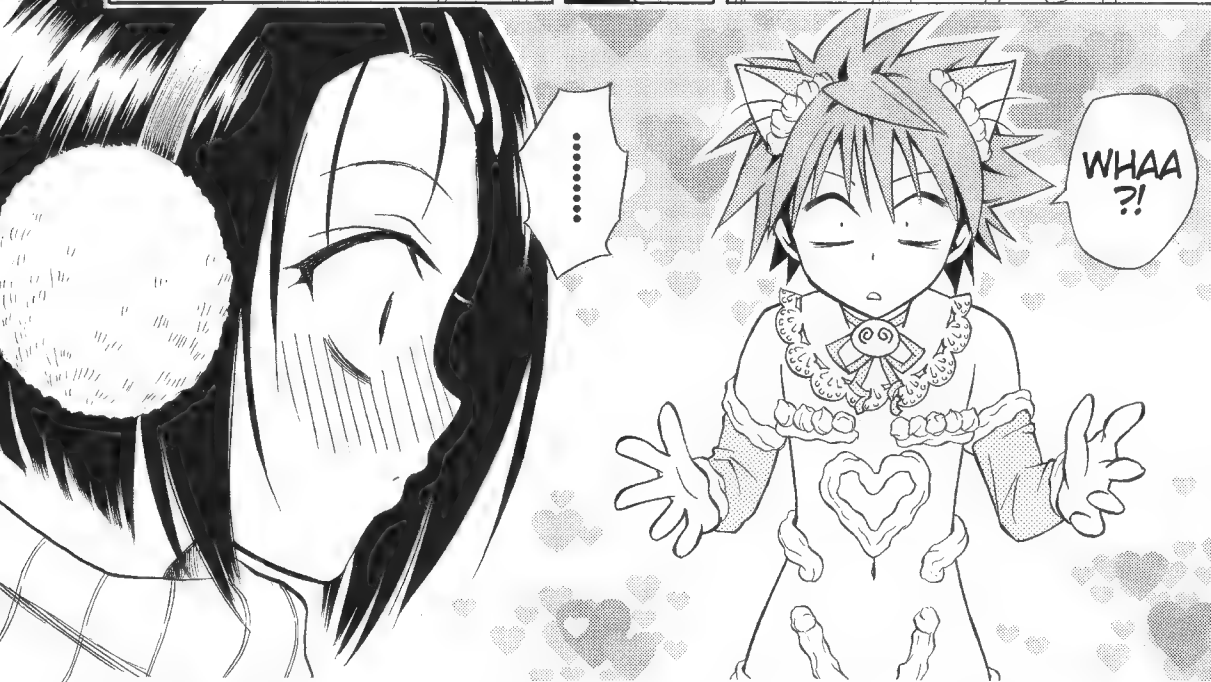


HUH  
?!

OH,  
CRAP  
....!!

YOINK

.....

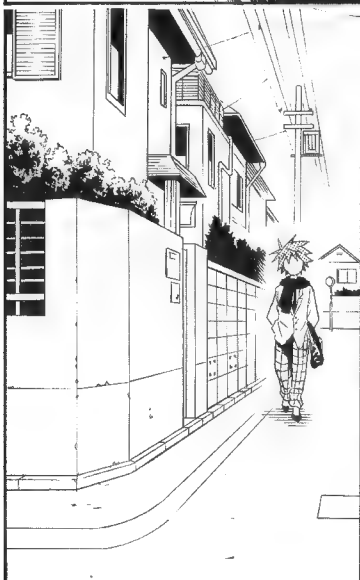


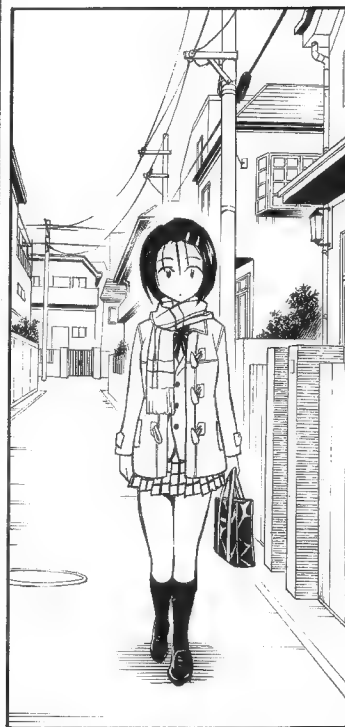
**TO LOVERU**



TROUBLE 40:  
FIENDISH VALENTINE









YULIKI-KUN...



OH!

H-HARU-NA-CHAN!!



H...HOW UNUSUAL, MEETING IN THE MORNING LIKE THIS!

MORN-ING!

HEY, G'MORN-ING, SAIREN-JI...!



UH... OH! SHE SAID SHE HAD SOME STUFF TO TAKE CARE OF TODAY AND TOOK OFF EARLY!

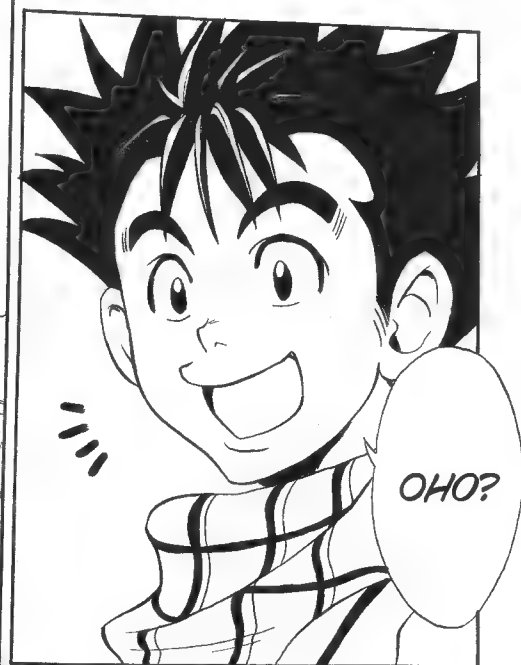
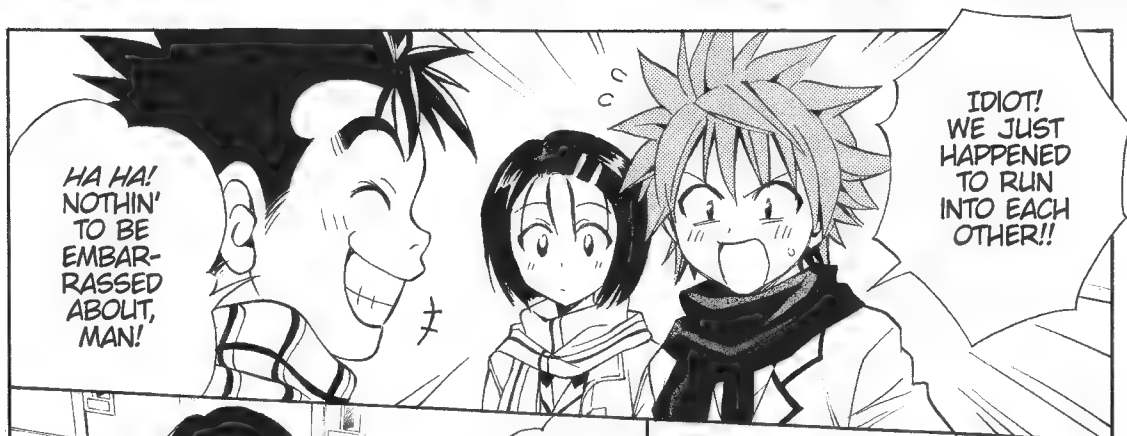
I...I SEE.



WHERE'S LALA-SAN?









HEH HEH!  
LOOKS LIKE  
I HIT THE NAIL  
ON THE HEAD!  
I'D BE HAPPY  
TO TAKE IT  
OFF YOUR  
HANDS  
ANY TIME!

WHY  
DO  
YOU  
ASK?!



WHAT  
?!

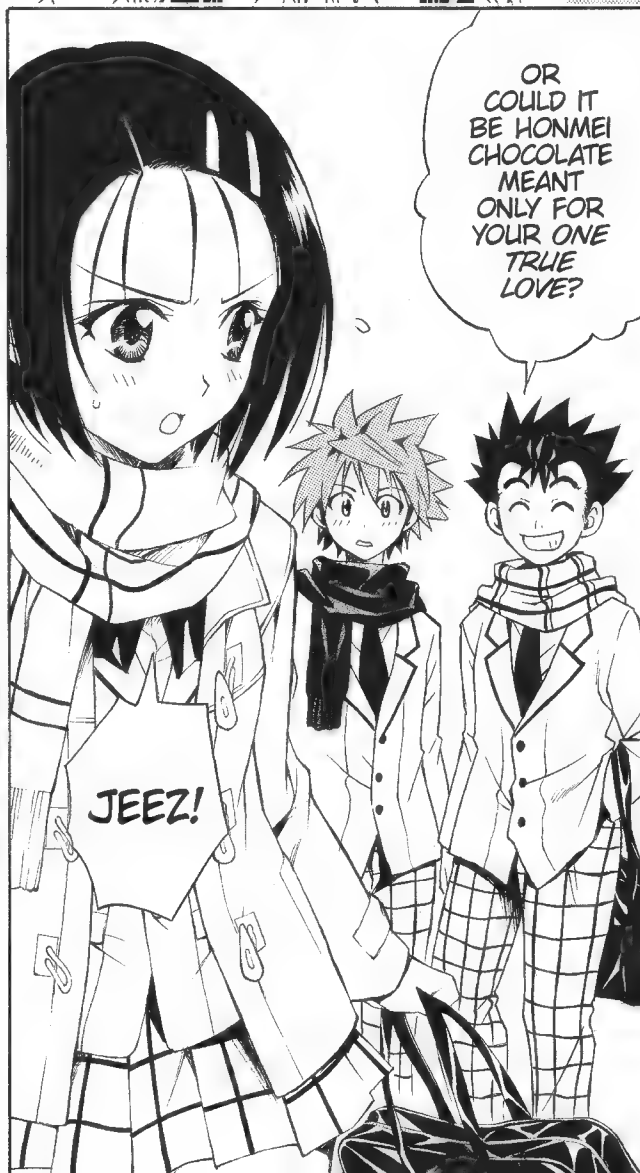


CLOP  
CLOP



HRM...  
WHADDAYA  
MAKE  
OF THAT,  
YUUKI-  
KUN?

HARUNA  
BROUGHT  
CHOCO-  
LATE?!  
FOR  
WHO?!



OR  
COULD IT  
BE HONMEI  
CHOCOLATE  
MEANT  
ONLY FOR  
YOUR ONE  
TRUE  
LOVE?

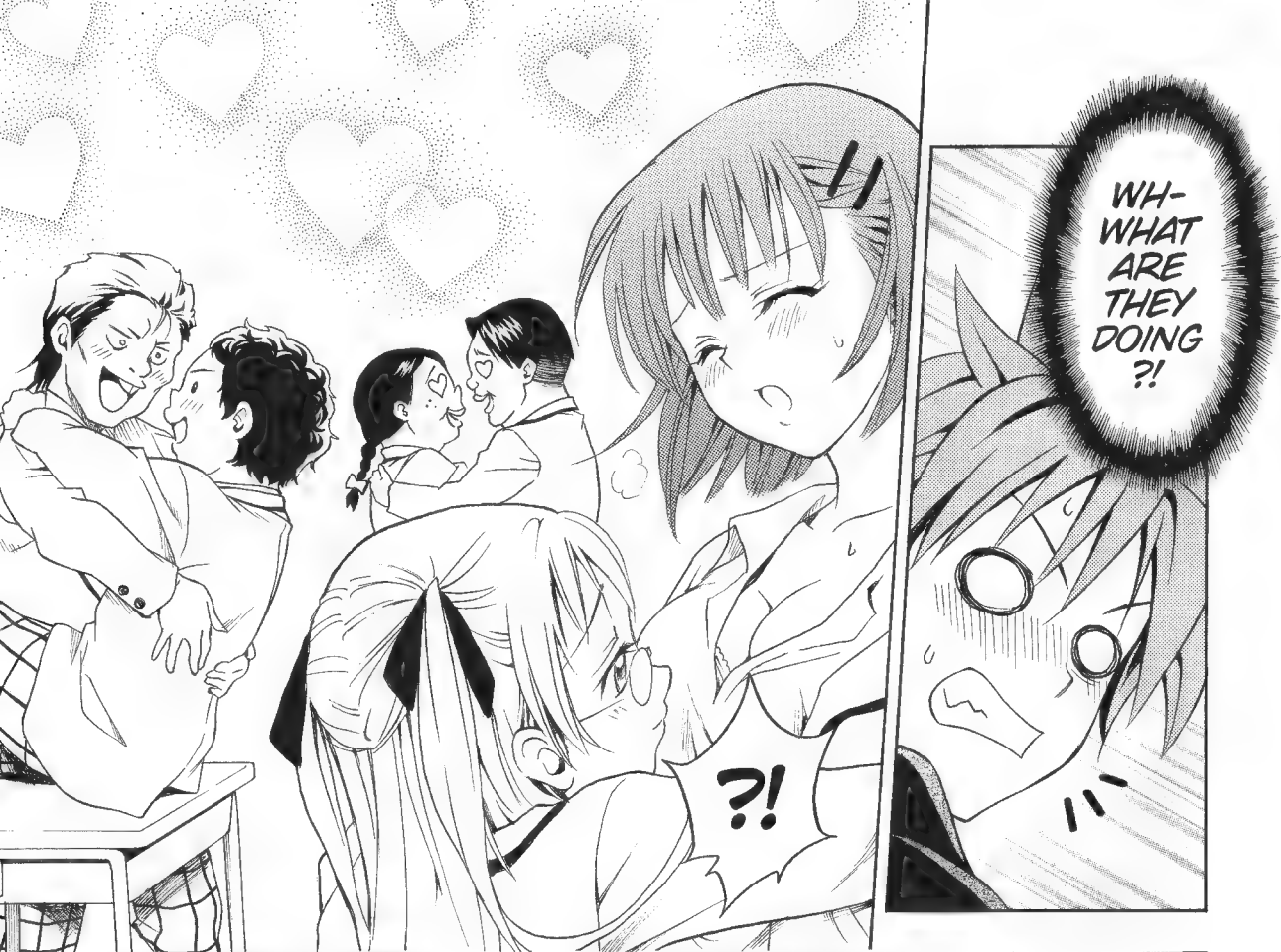
JEEZ!





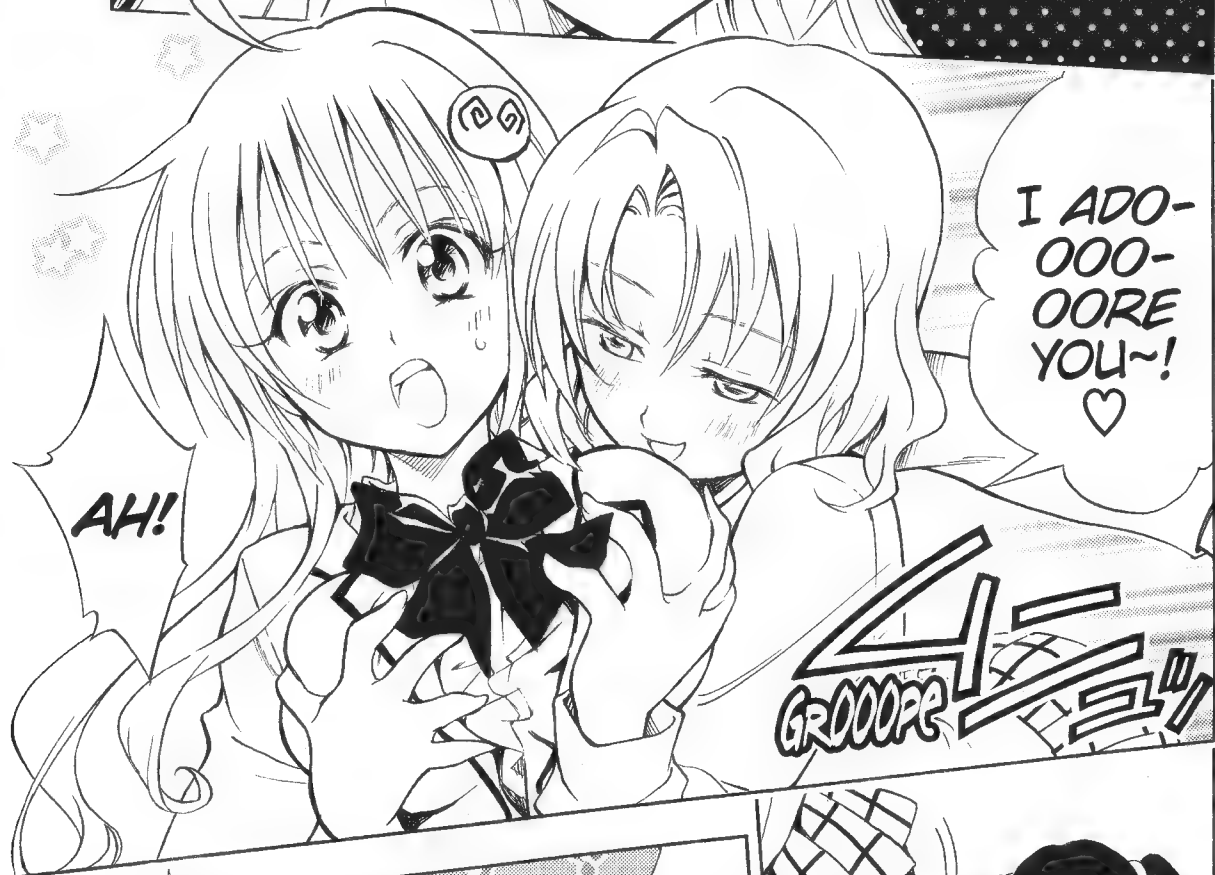
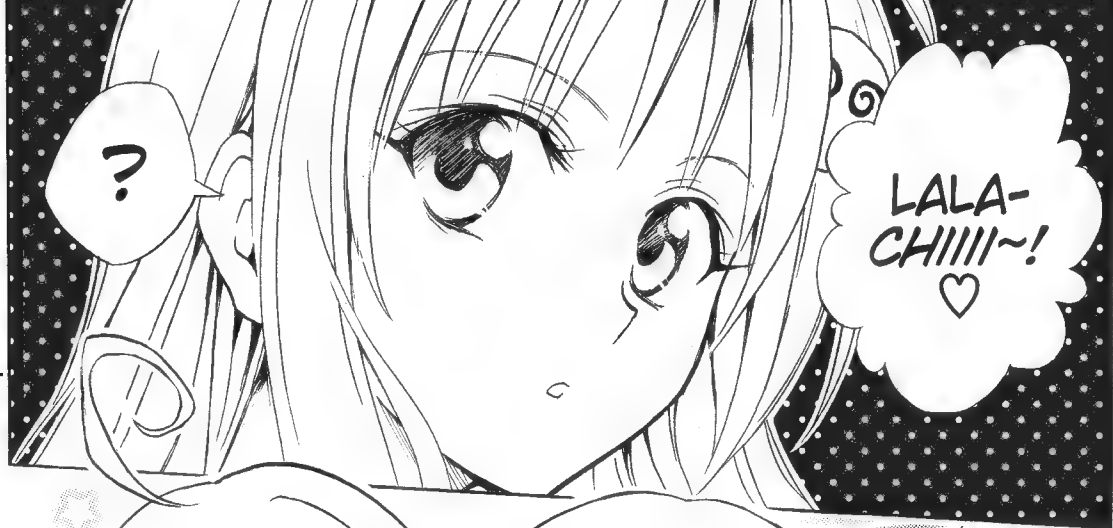




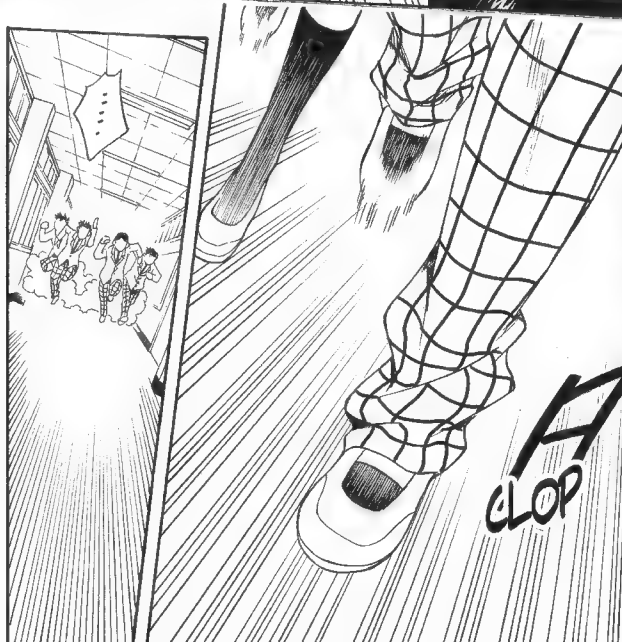














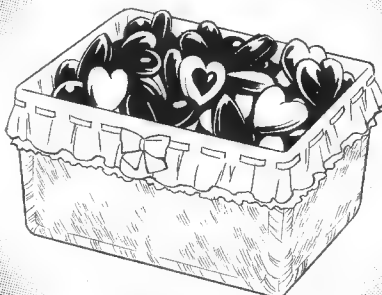
CRAP...  
WHAT  
THE  
HECK IS  
GOING  
ON...?!

WHERE'D  
THEY  
GO?!

HUUH  
?!

Gym Storage

I MEAN,  
I CAN'T  
REALLY  
THINK OF  
ANYTHING  
ELSE  
IT COULD  
BE...



COULD  
IT BE  
BECAUSE  
OF THOSE  
CHOCO-  
LATES  
LAL'A GAVE  
OUT?!



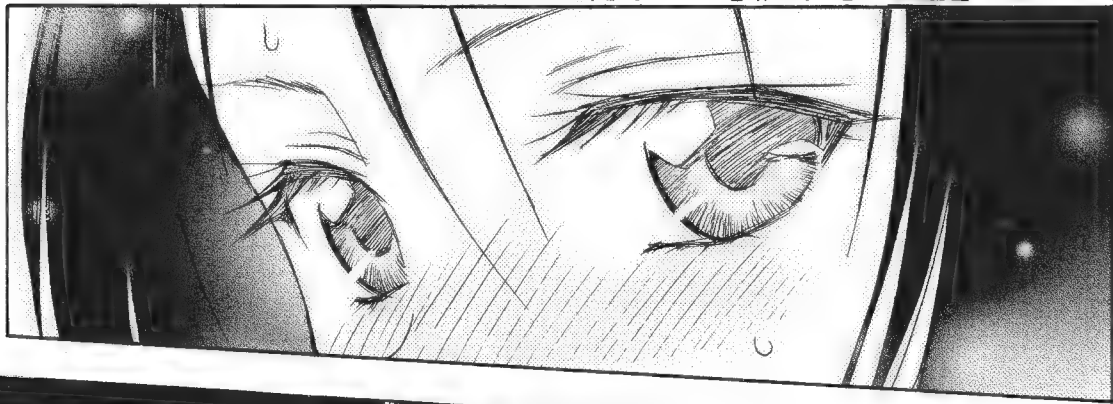
RECOIL

AHH!  
SORRY  
!!

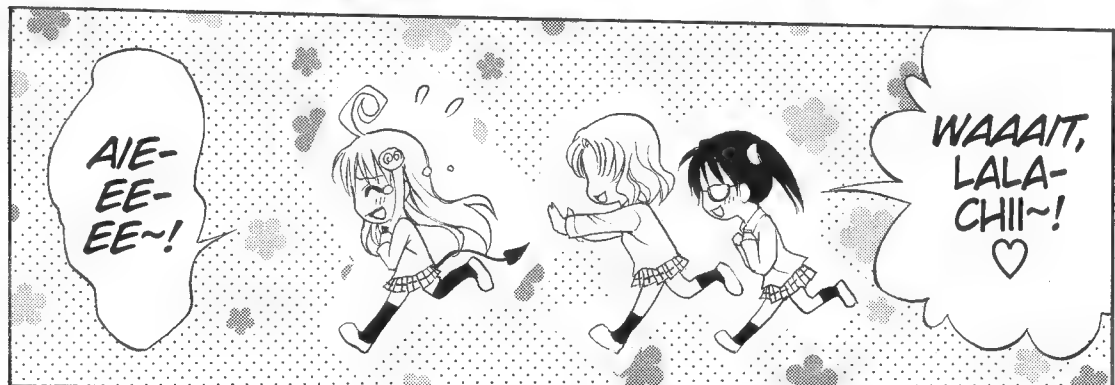


ANYWAY,  
WE'LL  
JUST  
HIDE HERE  
FOR A  
LITTLE  
BIT--









**TO LOVERU**



Gym Storage

SA...!

TROUBLE 41:  
CHOCOLATE AND PANIC

SAI-  
RENJI  
...?!

N-  
NO  
WAY...

Haah...

Haah...

HARU-  
NA-  
CHAN  
ATE  
LALA'S  
CHOCO-  
LATE,  
TOO?!





IT STILL  
SOUNDS  
WOON-  
DERFUL~!  
♡



BUT...  
EVEN  
IF IT'S  
WEIRD...

N-NO,  
HOLD IT...  
HARUNA-  
CHAN  
WOULDN'T  
NORMALLY  
SAY  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT!



WRAP



Haah...  
Haah...



WH-  
WHOA!  
H-HANG  
ON A  
SEC!!







HARU-  
NA-  
CHAN...

PLEASE  
WHAT?!



I CAN'T  
TAKE IT  
ANY  
LONGER...

PLEASE,  
YUUKI-  
KUN....!





STAY  
RIGHT  
HERE!

YOU  
HEAR  
ME?!

YUUKI-  
KUN?!

**Full  
DASH**



I CAN'T  
BE HAPPY  
ABOUT  
GETTING  
CLOSE  
TO HER  
THANKS TO  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS!!

CRA-  
AAA-  
AP!!!



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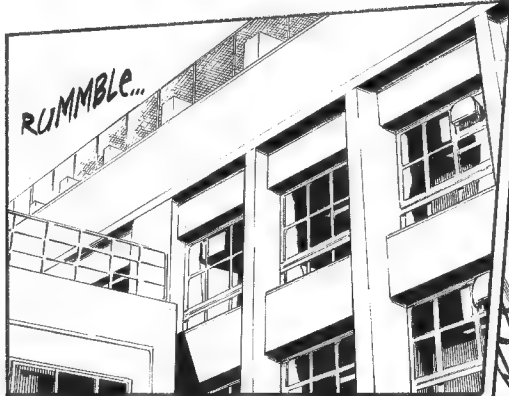
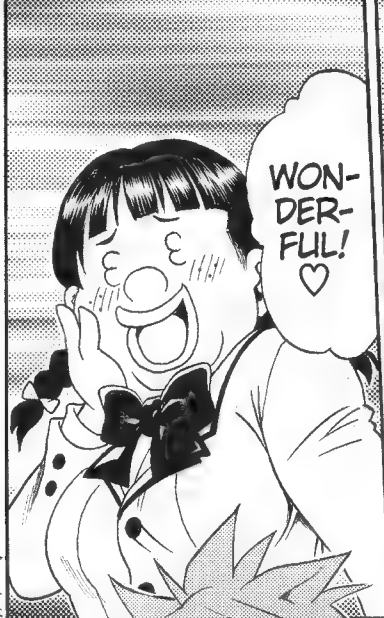


LALA!

I NEED  
TO FIND  
YOU AND  
GET  
HARUNA-  
CHAN  
BACK TO  
NORMAL  
!!









SAKI-SAMA!



I FOISTED IT OFF ON THE PRINCIPAL WHEN WE CROSSED PATHS SOME TIME AGO.

AYA, RIN. THROW YOURS AWAY WITH ALL HASTE AS WELL.



YES, SAKI-SAMA.



DID YOU TRY THE CHOCOLATE LALA GAVE US EARLIER?

AS IF!

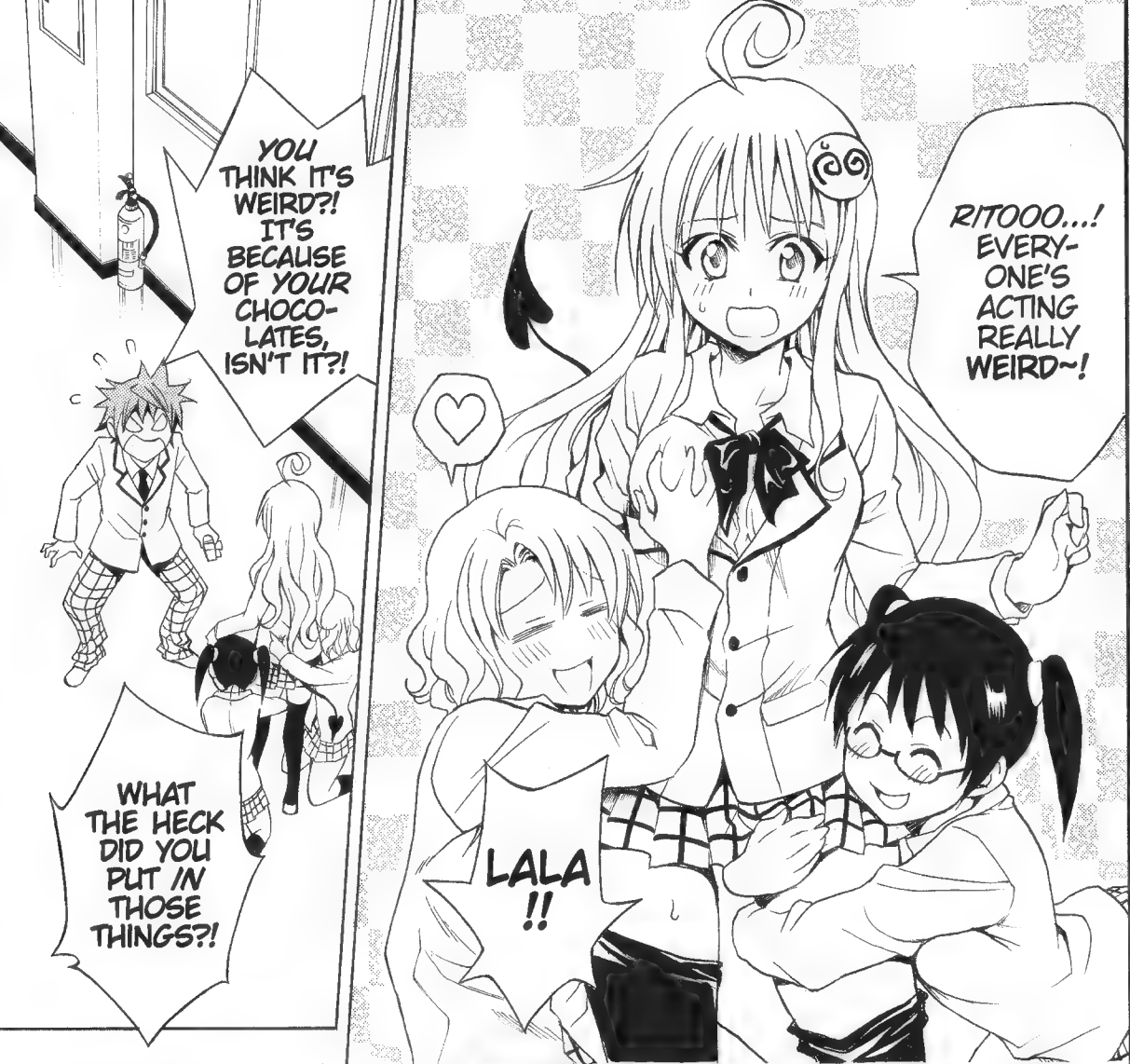














HM?  
YESTERDAY,  
LALA-SAN  
ASKED ME  
HOW TO  
MAKE  
CHOCO-  
LATE!

SENSEI!!  
WHAT  
THE  
HECK IS  
GOING  
ON?!

MY, MY.  
THINGS  
HAVE  
CERTAINLY  
GOTTEN  
OUT OF  
HAND!

AND I TOLD  
HER TO  
INCLUDE A  
MEDICINAL  
HERB FROM  
MY PLANET  
THAT ACTS  
AS A POTENT  
APHRODISIAC!

SO  
SHE'S THE  
MASTERMIND  
BEHIND ALL  
THIS!!



I DIDN'T  
THINK  
LALA-SAN  
WOULD SO  
THOROUGHLY  
MISUNDER-  
STAND THE  
IDEA BEHIND  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY...

OH  
HO HO!  
♥  
JUST A  
LITTLE  
MIS-  
CHIEF.

AN  
APHRODI-  
SIAC...!  
WHY  
WOULD  
YOU...?!





HUH?  
YOU DON'T  
GIVE  
CHOCOLATE  
TO ALL YOUR  
FRIENDS ON  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY?

WHAT'S  
UP  
WITH  
HER  
?!!

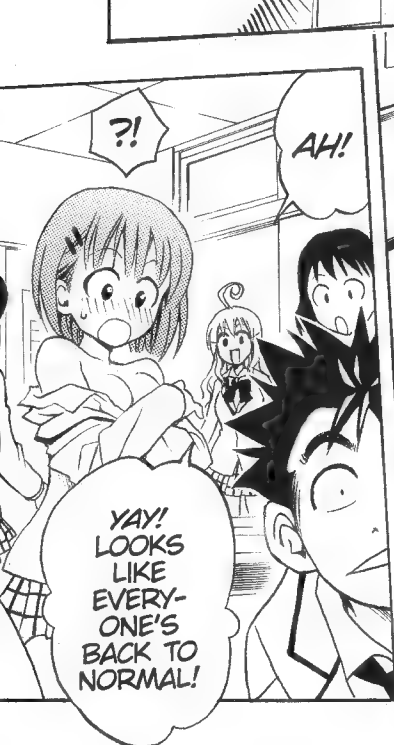
Too  
baaad...

I FELT  
WHOLLY  
CERTAIN THAT  
SHE WOULD  
GIVE THE  
CHOCOLATES  
TO YOU  
AND ONLY  
YOU,  
YUUKI-KUN...



THAT'S  
NOT THE  
REAL  
ISSUE  
HERE...

IT'S OKAY!  
THE HERB'S  
EFFECTS  
SHOULD BE  
WEARING OFF  
VERY SOON!



?!

AH!

YAY!  
LOOKS  
LIKE  
EVERY-  
ONE'S  
BACK TO  
NORMAL!



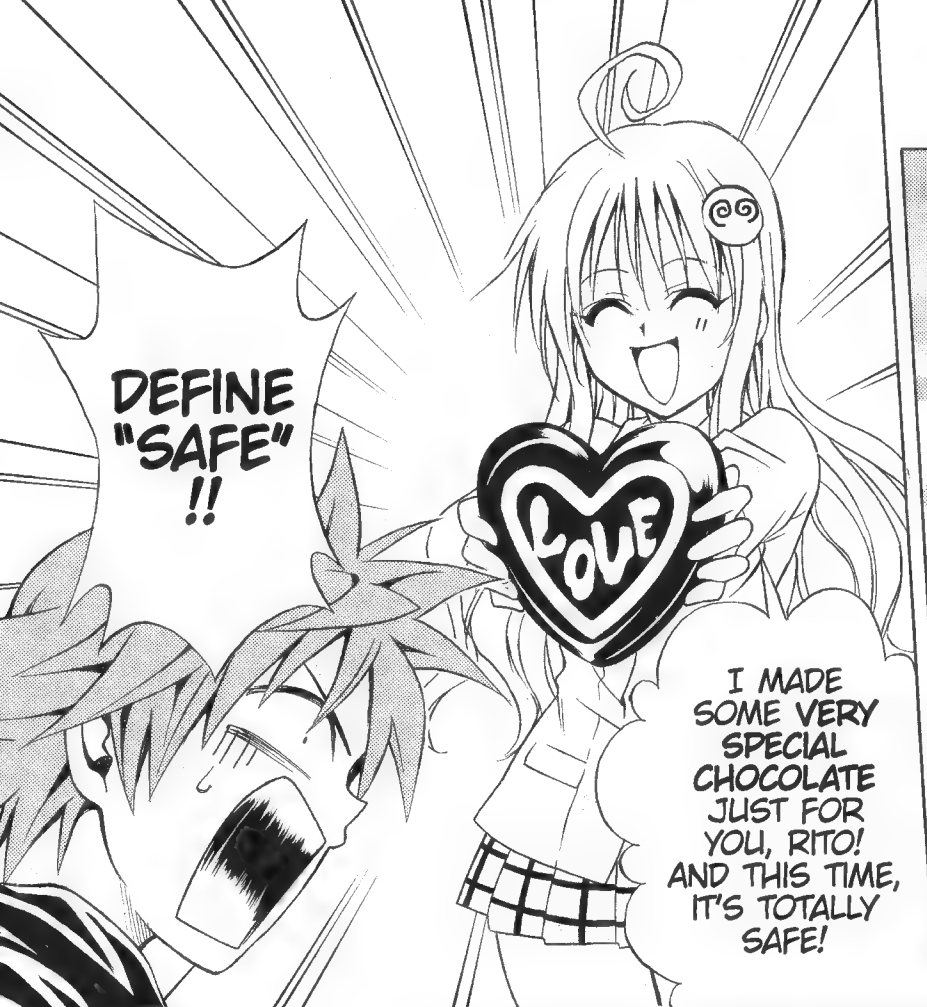
?



br-blink

?





DEFINE  
"SAFE"  
!!

I MADE  
SOME VERY  
SPECIAL  
CHOCOLATE  
JUST FOR  
YOU, RITO!  
AND THIS TIME,  
IT'S TOTALLY  
SAFE!



RITO-  
OO~!  
♡



AT ANY  
RATE, I  
WONDER...  
THAT  
CHOCOLATE  
FROM  
HARUNA-  
CHAN...

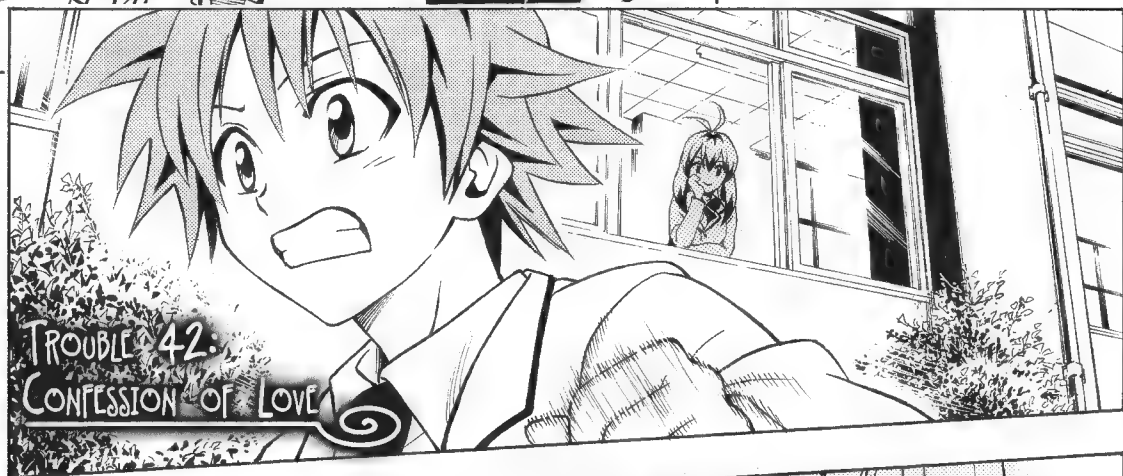
JEEZ...



WAS IT  
JUST  
GIRI  
CHOCO-  
LATE...?

**TO LOVERU**





TROUBLE 42:  
CONFESSION OF LOVE





WHAT'S UP, RITO?

OH, NOTHING...

I JUST HAVE THIS ODD FEELING SOMEBODY'S BEEN WATCHING ME ALL MORNING...



HM?



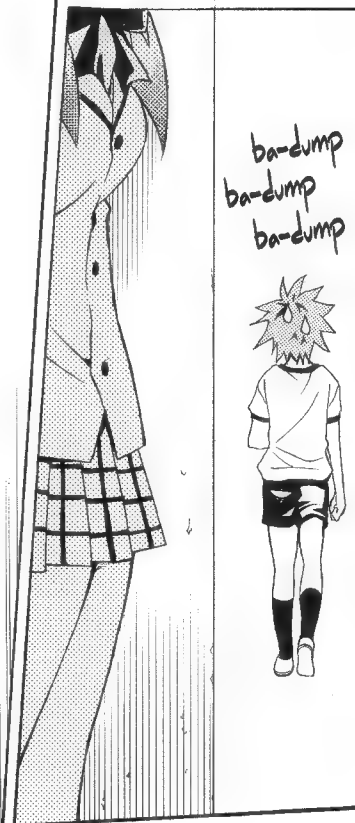
GASP!

GOLDEN DARK-NESS?! NO WAY...

COULD SHE BE STALKING ME FROM THE SHADOWS AGAIN?!



NOW'S  
MY  
CHANCE  
...!



ba-dump  
ba-dump  
ba-dump



WHATCHA  
DOIN'  
THERE,  
LITTLE  
LADY?!

HEYA!



CLASSIC  
MOTEMITSU-  
SENPAI!  
HIS HAIR  
HASN'T EVEN  
STARTED TO  
GROW BACK  
YET, AND HE'S  
ALREADY  
MACKIN'  
THE LADIES  
AGAIN!

IF SOME-  
THING'S  
BOTHERIN'  
YOU, YOU  
CAN COME  
TALK TO ME  
ANYTIME!



fwip

MOTE NOTE  
Sainan High's Ladies  
Compilation

TOP  
SECRET

SH...SHE'S  
CUTE!  
I HAD NO  
IDEA THERE  
WAS A GIRL  
THIS CUTE  
IN OUR  
SCHOOL!!



HUH  
?!

!!



MY  
CAREFULLY-  
RESEARCHED,  
TOP-SECRET  
FILE IS  
DRAWING A  
TOTAL BLANK!  
SHE MUST  
BE REALLY  
NEW HERE!

fip  
fip  
fip

FLIP  
fip  
fip  
fip  
fip

SHE'S  
NOT IN  
HERE!



SLUMP

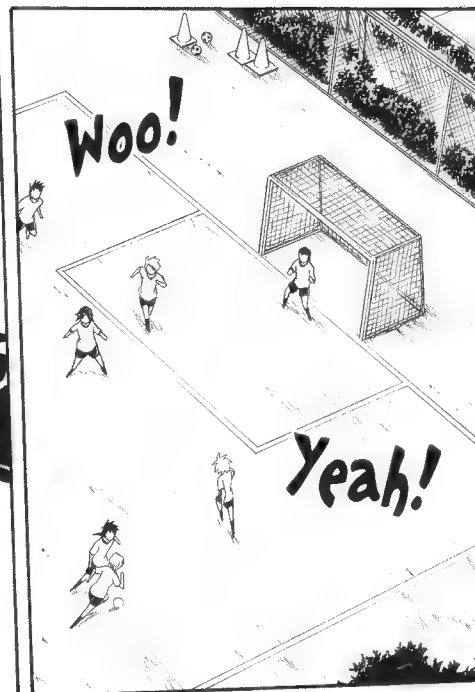
CLASSIC  
MOTEMITSU-  
SENPAI!  
GETTIN'  
THAT INSTANT  
COLD  
SHOULDER!!



HEY,  
WHY  
NOT  
GO OUT  
WITH  
M--

HUH  
?!











.....

SUPER  
SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT!  
I KINDA  
FLUBBED  
THAT  
KICK...

I MEAN,  
I WAS  
DEFINITELY  
RELIEVED  
WHEN YOU  
WOKE UP,  
THOUGH!

WH...  
WHAT  
IS  
IT?



はな  
GLOMP♡

RITO-  
KUN!  
♡

WHOA  
?!!



GROPE

M-MY  
HAND'S  
ON HER  
CHEST  
...!

WAI  
...!

I'M  
JUST SO  
HAPPY  
THAT WE'RE  
ALONE  
TOGETHER  
AT LAST!!

WH-  
WHAT  
WAS  
THAT  
ALL  
ABOUT  
?!

**RECOIL!!**

I'VE  
BEEN  
WATCHING  
YOU ALL  
THIS TIME,  
RITO-  
KUN!

HUH  
?!

I WANTED  
TO TELL  
YOU HOW  
I FELT...  
BUT I JUST  
NEVER  
GOT A  
CHANCE...!

T...TELL  
ME HOW  
YOU  
FEEL...?  
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
SAYING?!

.....





AND I'VE  
NEVER...  
I MEAN,  
HAVE WE  
EVEN MET  
BEFORE...?

ARE YOU  
KIDDING ME?!  
HOW SHOULD  
I REACT  
TO THIS...?  
I'VE GOT  
LALA--ER,  
HARUNA-  
CHAN...



BUT...  
TO ME...

THERE'S  
ANOTHER  
PERSON  
YOU LIKE,  
RITO-  
KUN...

I  
KNOW...

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

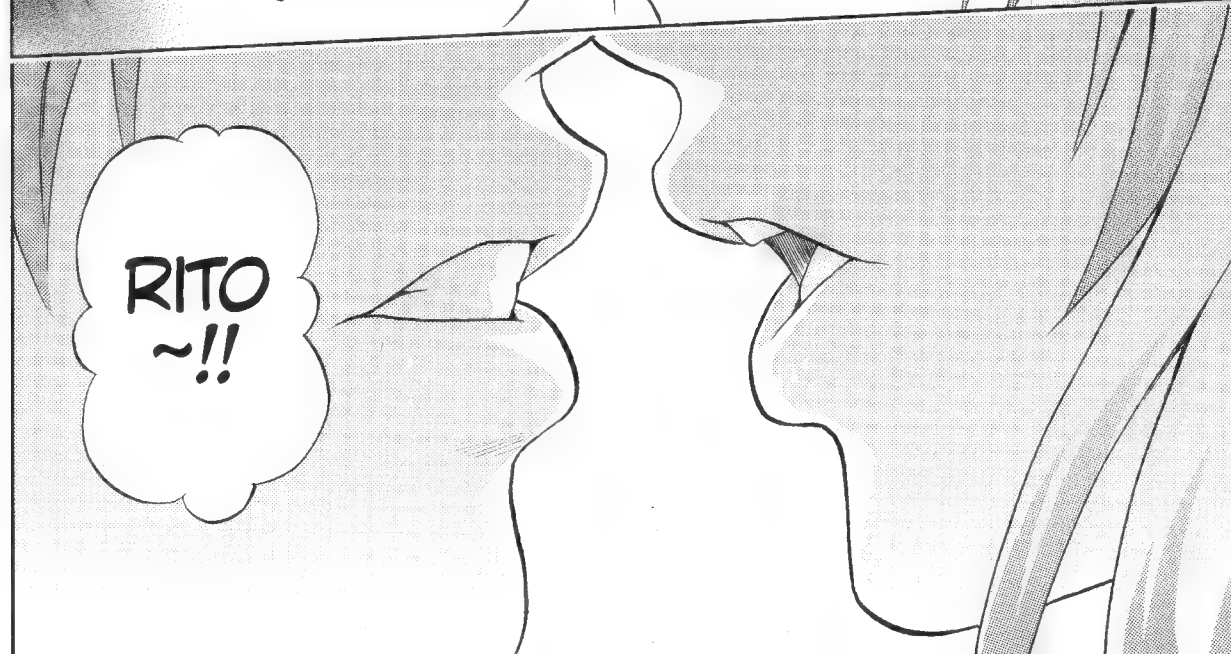
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UM,  
YOU...!

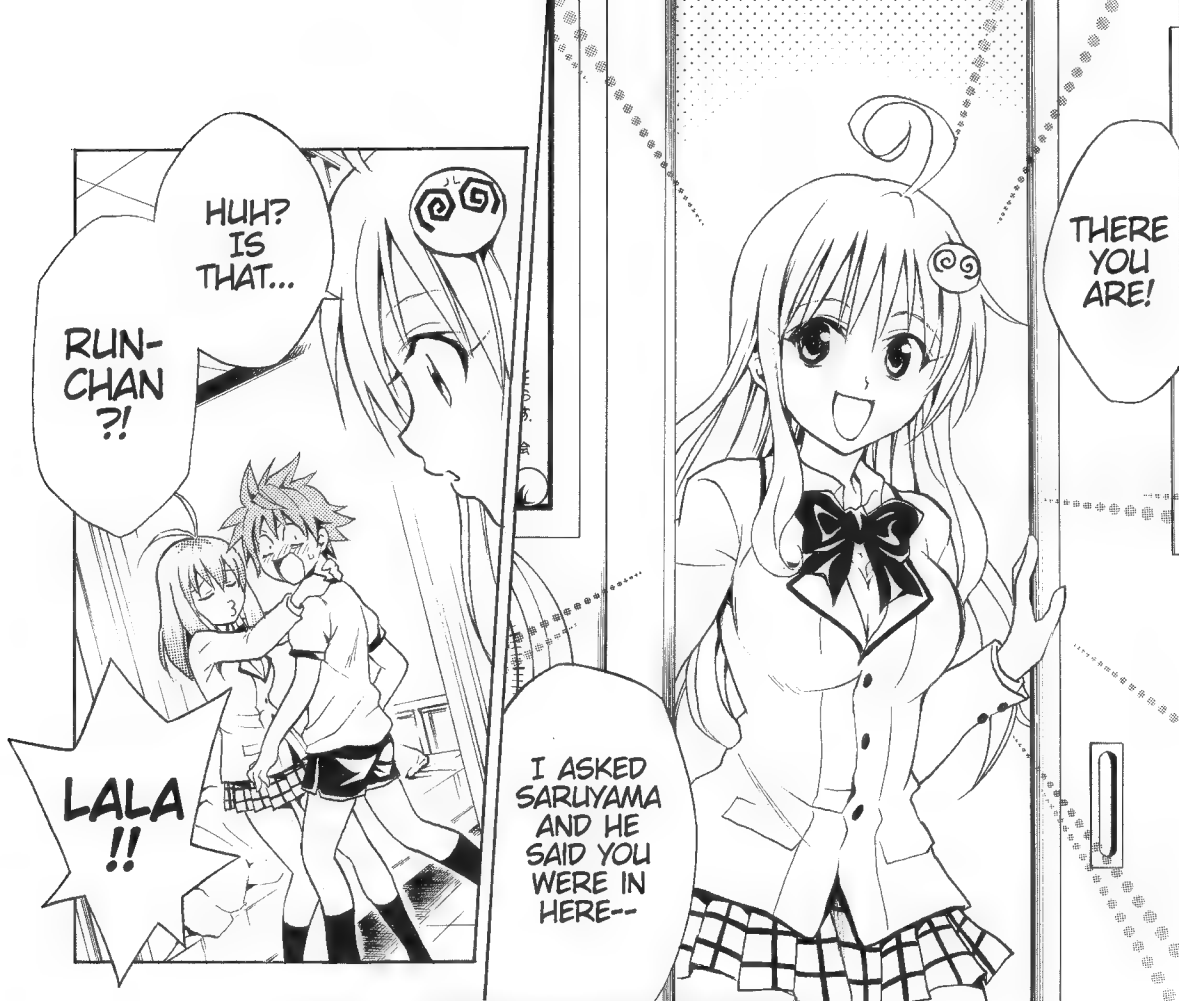


IS A  
MEMORY  
I'LL  
NEVER  
FORGET.

THAT  
KISS  
WE  
SHARED...











WHAT  
--?!  
WHY'RE  
YOU  
...?!

R-  
REN  
?!  
?

EY  
AAGH  
H!!

REN-KUN  
IS A CHILD  
OF PLANET  
MEMORZE'S  
ROYAL  
FAMILY...

AH,  
I  
SEE!

I'M  
REFERRING  
TO THEIR  
"MALE-  
FEMALE  
TRANSFOR-  
MATION  
FACTOR."


COULD  
YOU  
MAYBE  
ELABORATE,  
MIKADO-  
SENSEI?

Male  
↕  
Female

IT'S A  
CHARAC-  
TERISTIC  
SPECIFIC  
TO THE  
MEMORZIAN  
PEOPLE,  
YOU SEE.

A  
PARTICULAR  
IMPETUS  
RESULTS  
IN BOTH THE  
BODY AND  
THE MIND  
COMPLETELY  
SWITCHING TO  
THE OPPOSITE  
SEX.





IT MIGHT BE THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EARTH AND MEMORZE'S ENVIRONMENT AND MAGNETIC FIELDS HAS CAUSED THE SWAP FACTOR TO GROW MORE SENSITIVE.

ALTHOUGH, STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT SHOULDN'T JUST TAKE SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A SNEEZE TO CAUSE THE SWAP.



Urgh...

YEAH... IT'S GOTTEN TO THE POINT THAT I KEEP A CHANGE OF GIRLS' CLOTHES IN MY LOCKER...

I WISH RUN WOULD THINK ABOUT MY FEELINGS A LITTLE BIT, TOO...!

YOU WEREN'T CONTENT WITH JUST LALA-CHAN... YOU EVEN HAD TO STEAL THE HEART OF RUN, MY OTHER HALF, AS WELL... I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!

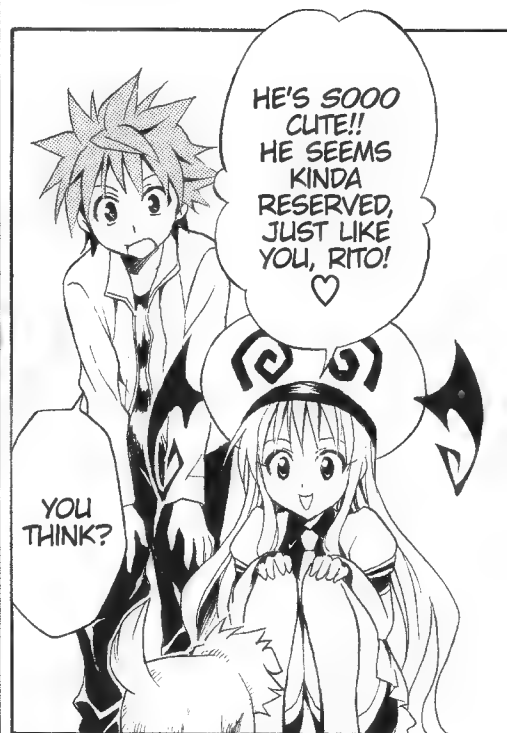
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YULKI  
!!

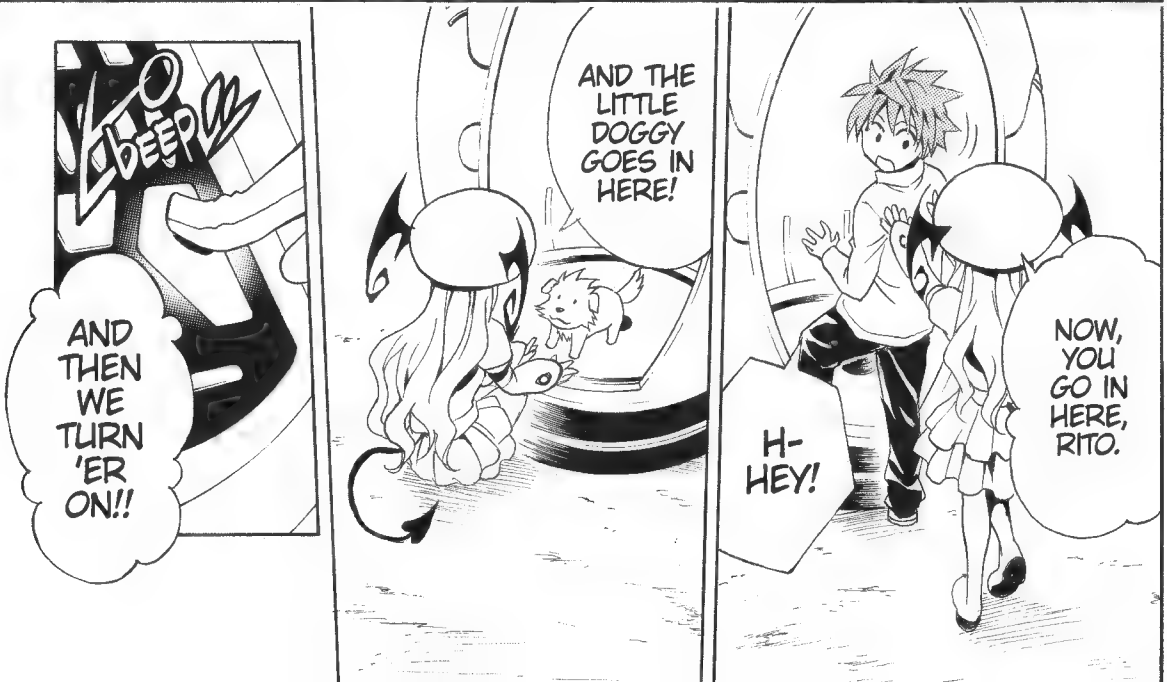
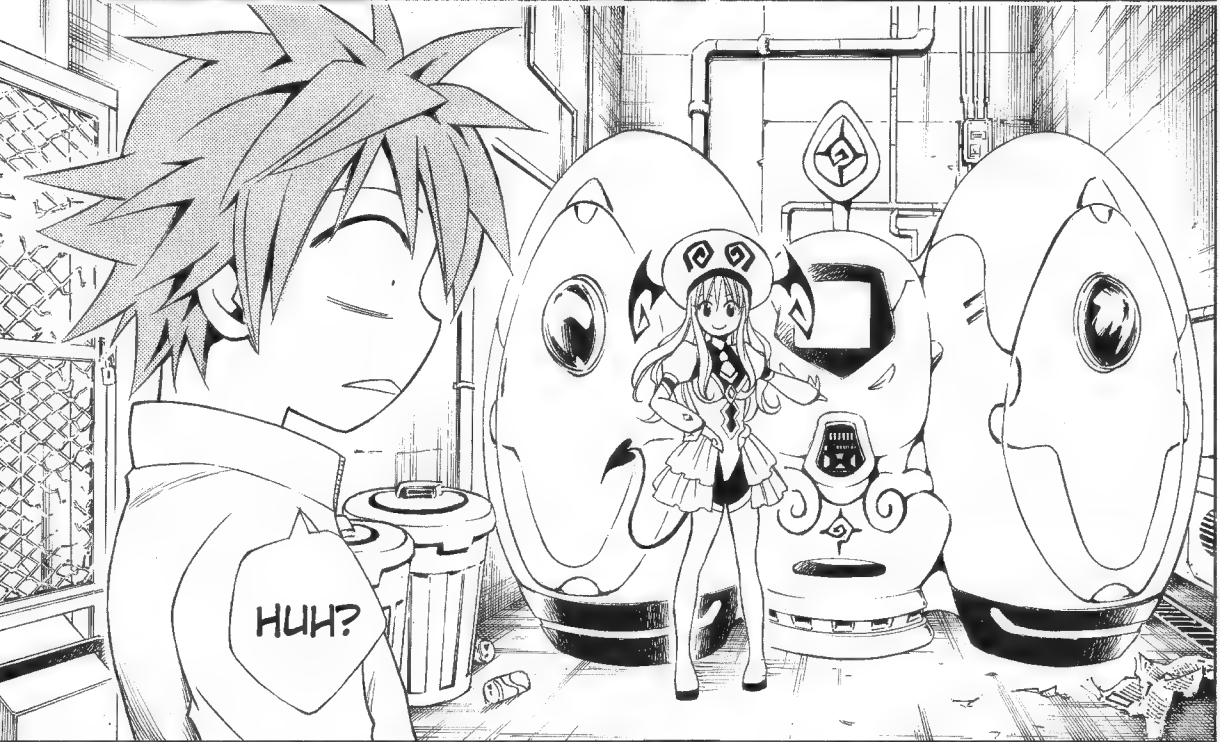


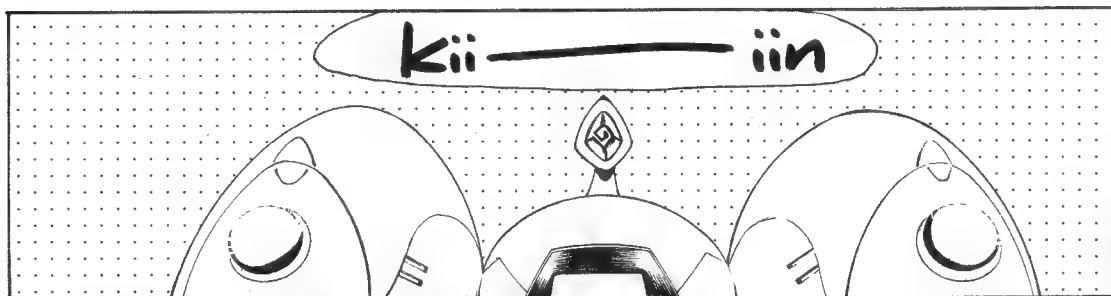
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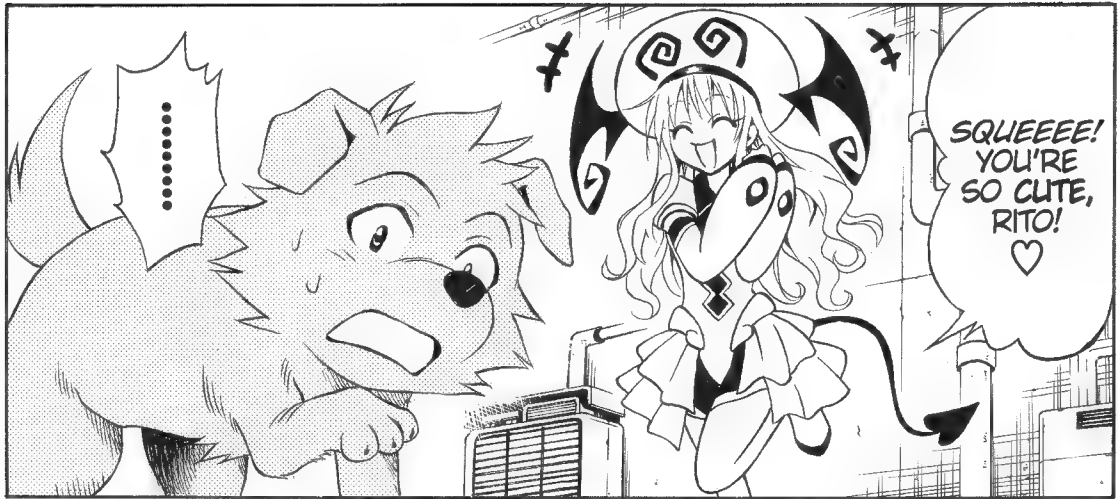




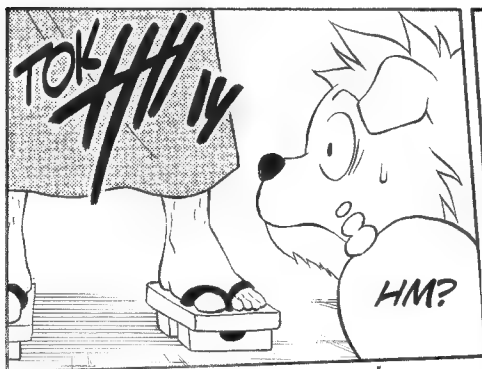


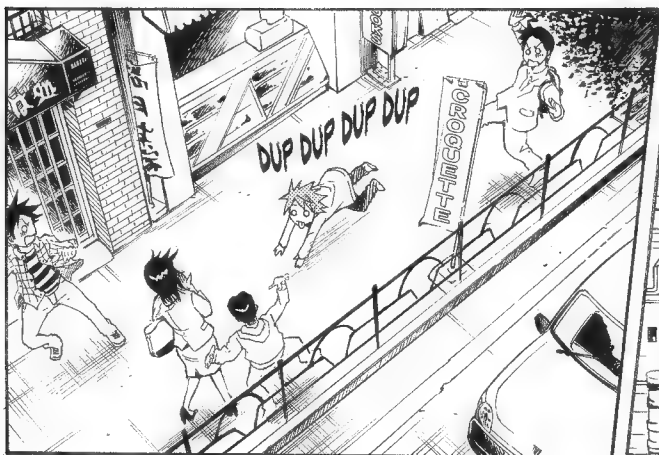
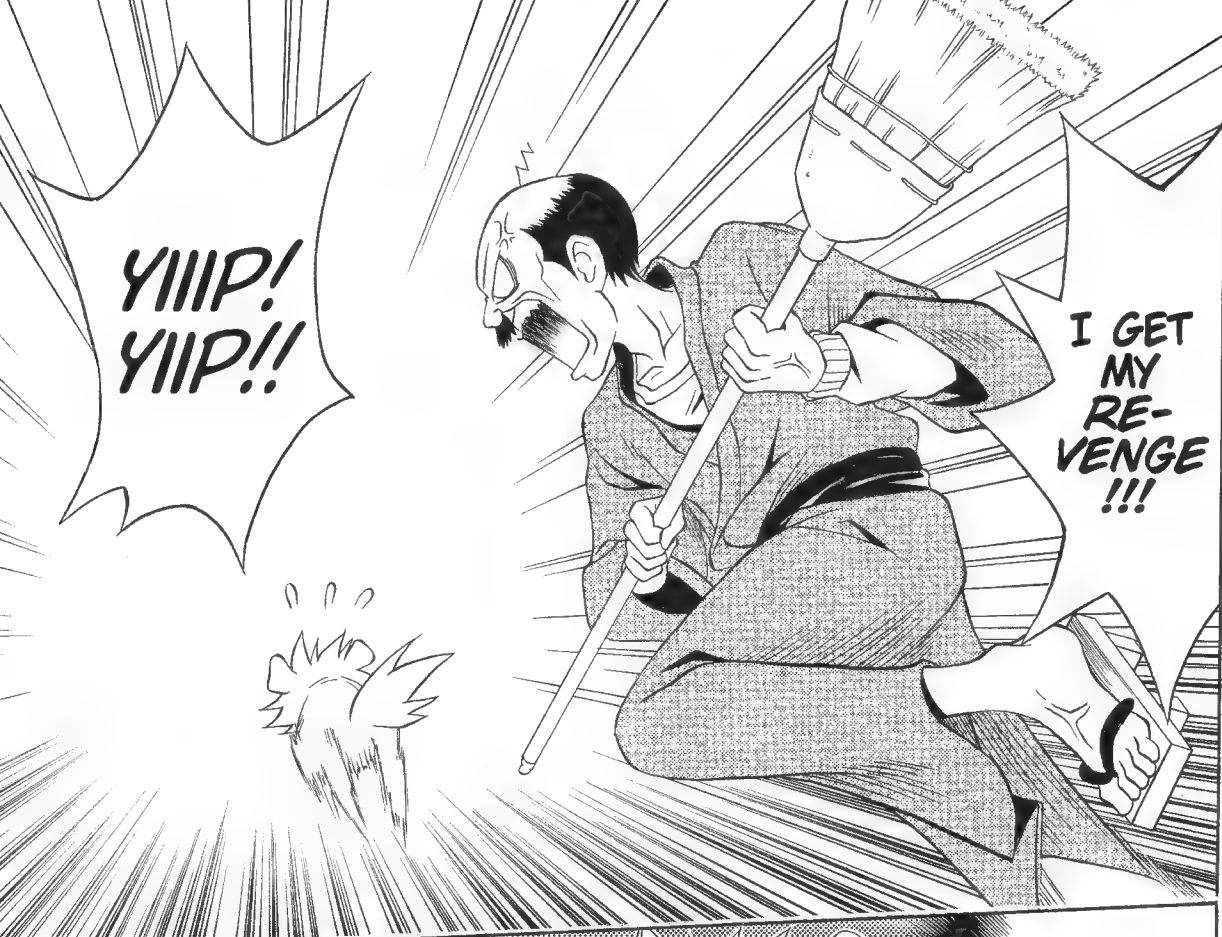




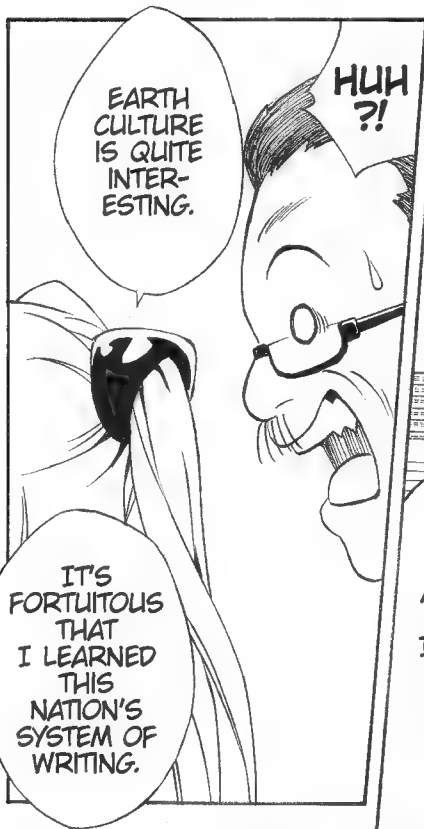








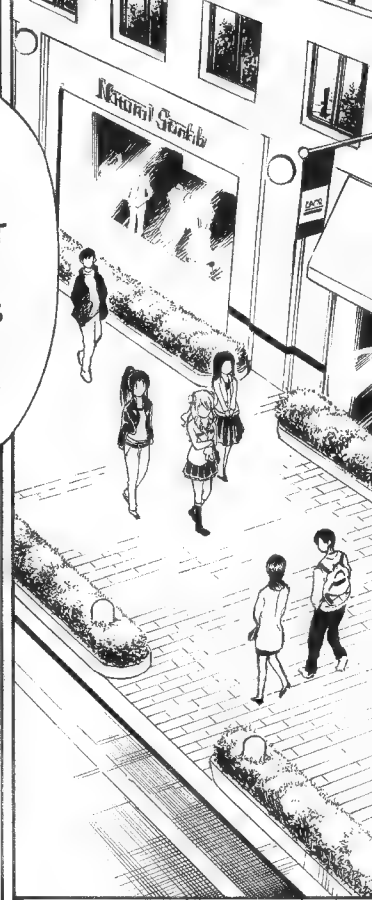


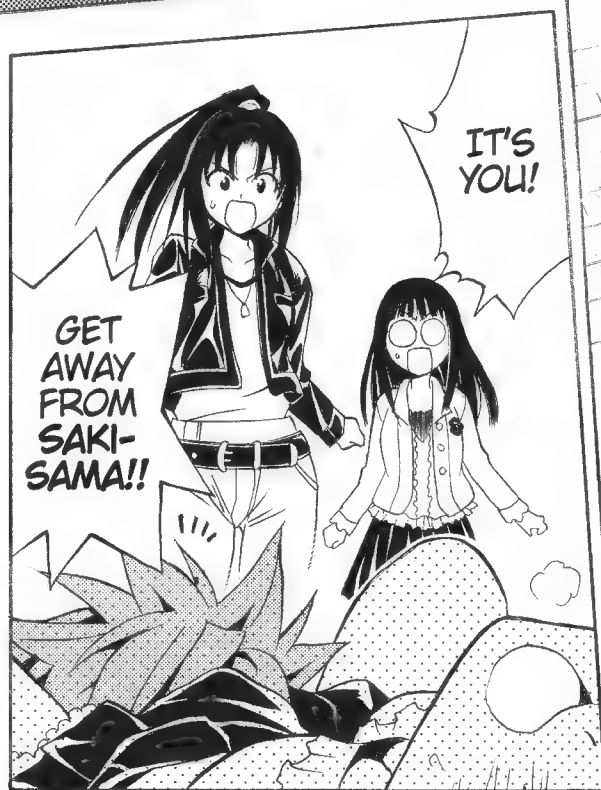


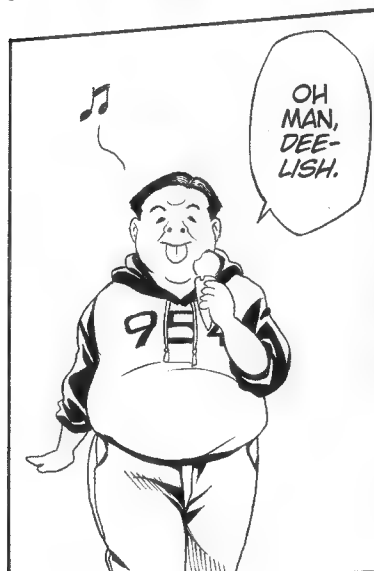












HEEEY!  
THAT'S  
MY ICE  
CREAM!!



K  
Y  
A  
A  
?!

FWOOSH

K  
I  
I

KRRSSH

GOOD LUCK SUSHI

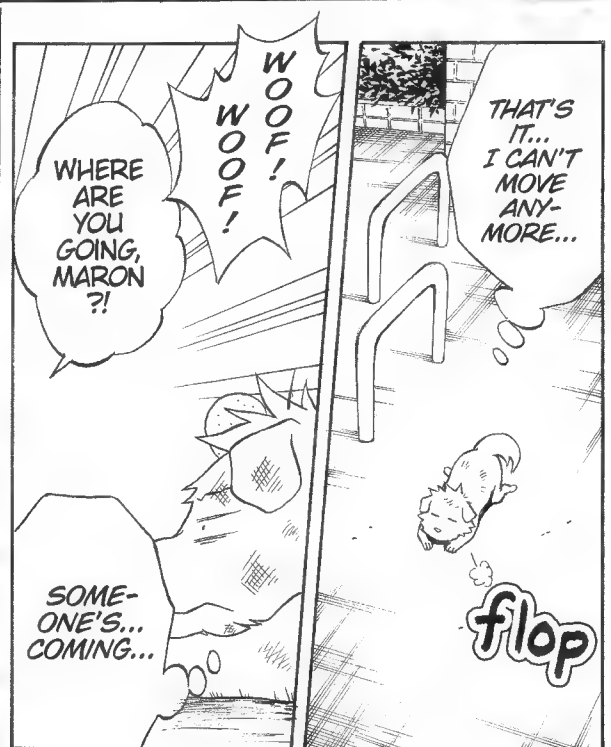
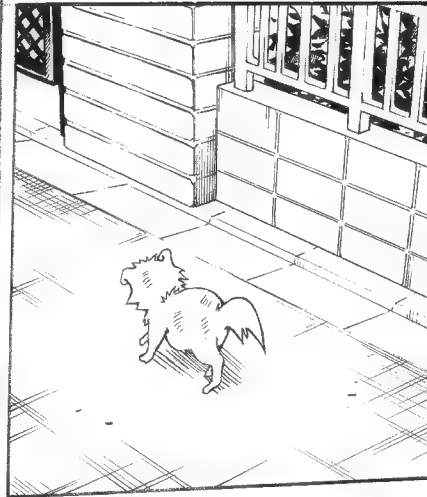
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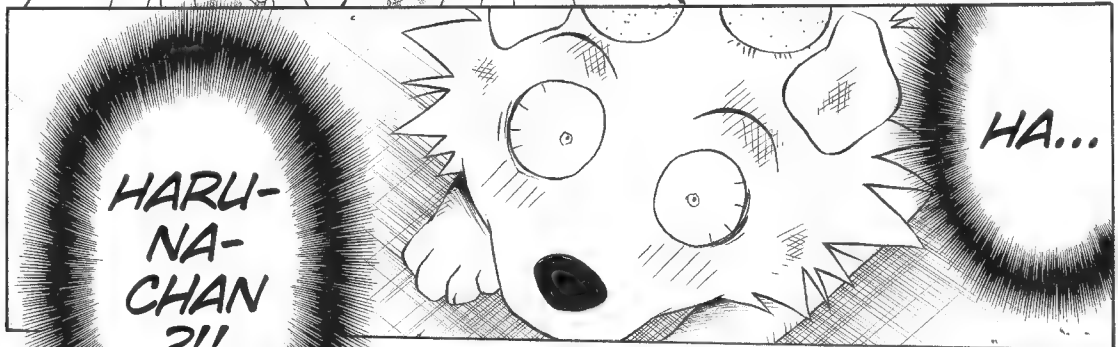
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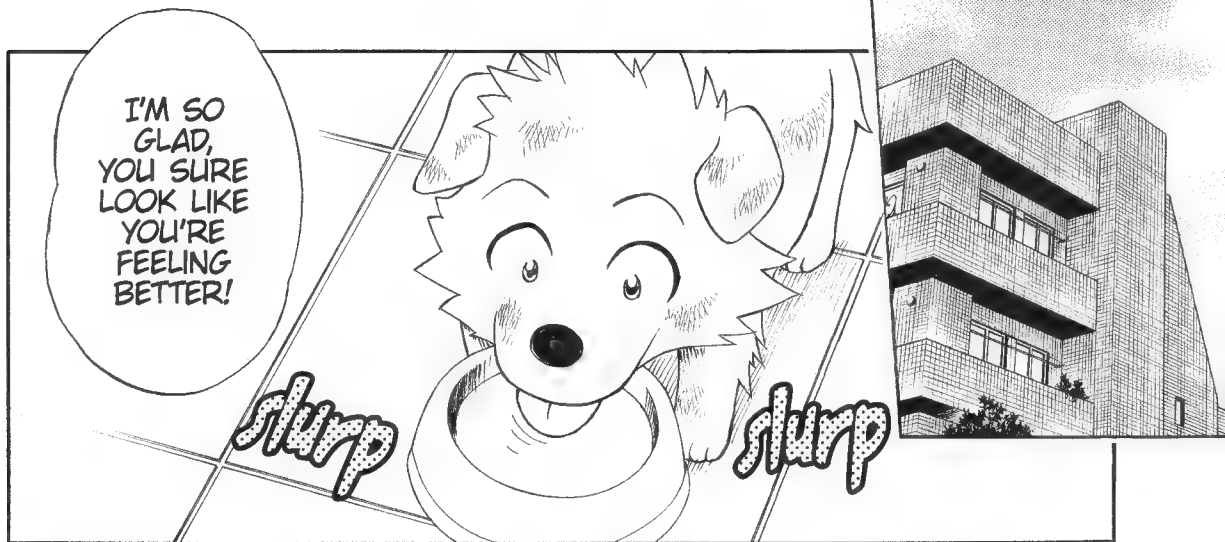
IMPRES-  
SIVE,  
INDEED...

HE'S A...  
PRETTY  
IMPRESSIVE  
POOCH,  
ISN'T  
HE...?!









I'M SO  
GLAD,  
YOU SURE  
LOOK LIKE  
YOU'RE  
FEELING  
BETTER!

storp

storp



COME  
HERE!  
♡



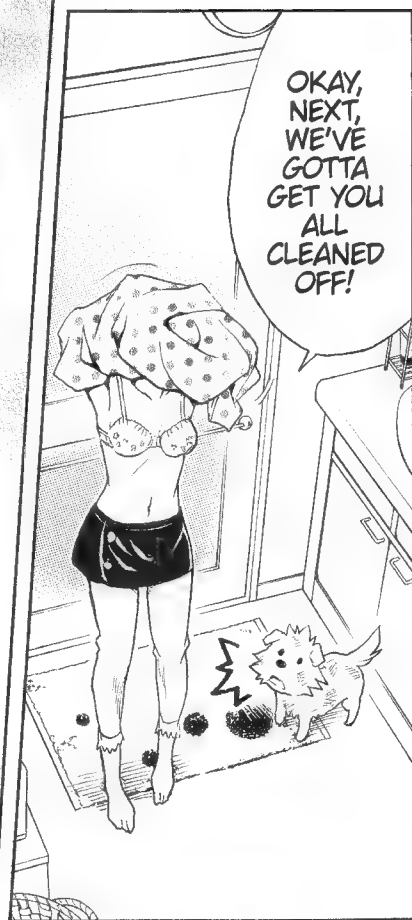
STILL,  
WHAT  
A  
RELIEF~!

SHEESH...  
GETTING  
MILK LIKE  
THIS, IT'S  
LIKE I  
REALLY AM  
A DOG...



DOG  
BODY  
OR NOT,  
THIS  
SURE IS  
GREAT...!  
♡

HARUNA-  
CHAN...  
YOU  
REALLY  
ARE THE  
NICEST...



As the sun peeked out, right as the area suddenly grew bright, came a single shooting star...

CRAAASH!

A massive sound echoed out, sending birds fleeing into the sky.

The source of the sound was not a shooting star at all, but a spaceship. Not destroyed, but smoking--and certainly in no condition to fly again.

“Koff koff...”

“Phwah! Ptooie!”

“Where are we? Earth?”

The hatch of the spaceship opened, and as smoke puffed out of the interior, three women appear. They looked to be about the same age as Lala.

“Come on, Idil! Could you be any worse of a pilot?”

“Shut up! You’ve got absolutely no sense of direction!”

“U-um... Shiny... Idil... D...don’t fight, pleeease!”

The unyielding Shiny, the sexily-proportioned but bad-mouthed Idil, and the short, unassuming Pria. The three of them are quite happy to finally reach Earth, but...

“So... Where on Earth is this?”

“No idea. Don’t ask me.”

“Aw... And where’s Zastin-sama...?!” She began to cry.

They were lost.

At Studio Saibai, Maul sat, watching anime with a delighted look on his face.

Behind him, he was watched by a rather-worried looking Buwatts. “Maul... It kind of feels like you’ve been changing steadily since we came to Earth... Is this the power of foreign culture?”

“Huh? What’s going on, Buwatts?”

“Oh, Commander Zastin... Please, observe. During any and all breaks, Maul sits there watching anime full of beautiful girls, like this one.”

“You don’t think it’s good for him to be experiencing Earth culture?”

“Er, no, it’s not exactly Earth culture I’m worried about... I just feel as though he’s heading in a particular direction...”

“Heh. You’re overthinking it, Buwatts.” Zastin clapped Buwatts on the shoulder and exits.

“Am I, though...?”

“Uwee-hee! Kyouko-chan! You’re sooo moe!”

“...”

Watching Maul merrily follow along with his anime, Buwatts felt even more certain. No, Maul’s most definitely headed in a particular direction.



# Mikan's Observation Log

"Bye, Mikan-chan!"

"Bye-bye! ♪"

All right, school's out. When I get home, I've gotta start preparing dinner.

Huh? Rito? Ooh, Rito and Lala! They're on their way home...

I'll just follow them and make sure not to get caught...

"..."

I am his sister... I shouldn't be one to talk—but I do have to wonder what Lala-san sees in Rito.

Sure, I think his face is all right, but hmm...

He's not good with girls, and he can't really even manage a full conversation with them...

Oh, wait, actually, he has kinda sorted that out lately, I suppose.

"Huh? Haruna? Don't you have tennis today?"

"Oh, Lala-san! Yuuki-kun! I've actually got some errands today..."

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Oh, it's Haruna-san. What's this? (Ha ha!) Rito's all nervous.

Hee hee... Looks like things aren't going the way he hoped...

"Hmmm..."

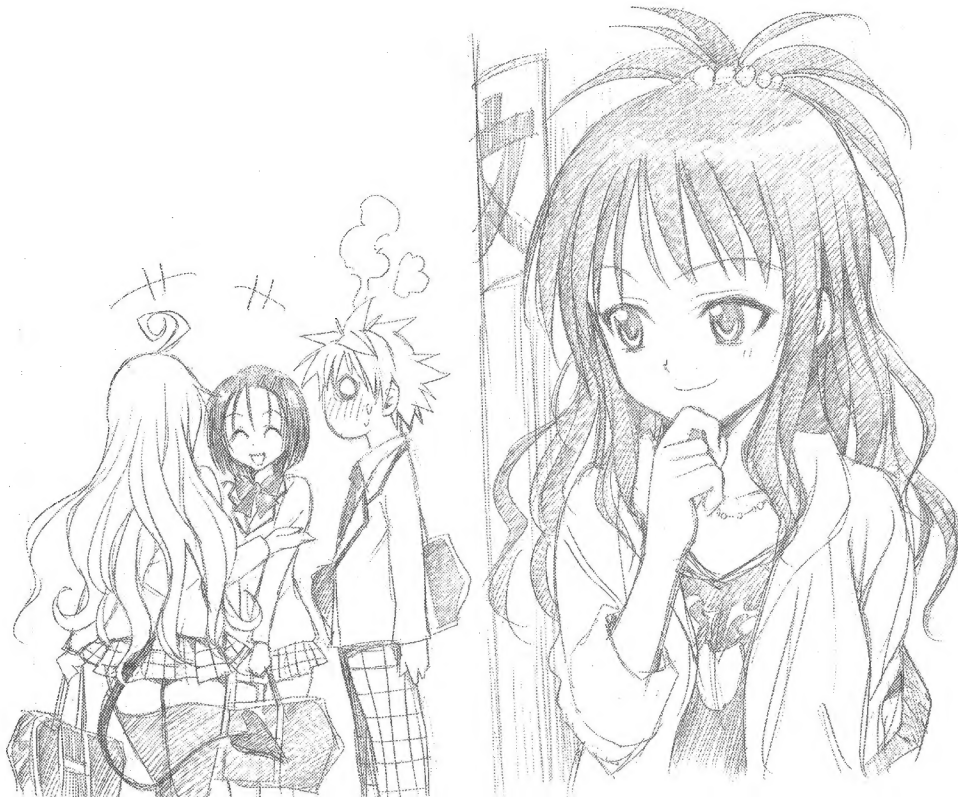
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Haruna-san... I knew it. You're into Rito, aren't you...?

And Rito has absolutely no clue!

Okay, then... The question is, what the heck am I going to do about all this...? ♪

As his sister, I have to keep a close eye on his future!



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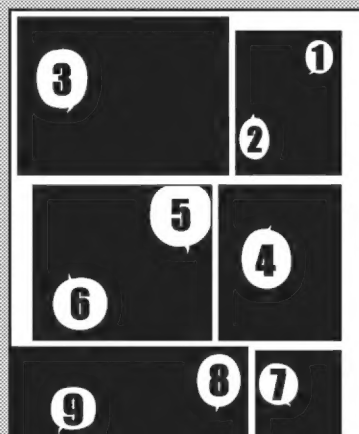
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